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New Legislation

Development Impact Fees

The Hailey City Council in early April adopted a new section into its broad planning document, the Hailey Comprehensive Plan. The new section is comprised of a Capital Improvement Plan, which assesses the effect of new growth on the city’s infrastructure development needs, and estimates what specific costs new growth creates, assuming the city is to retain a consistent, rather than declining, level of service.

Following that, in late April the City Council considered and read the first reading of a Development Impact Fee Ordinance, which proposes to set in place fees by which Hailey can cover the costs of new growth and actually maintain a consistent level of service within its infrastructure. The proposed ordinance will undergo further readings during the May City Council meetings, and is scheduled for potential final adoption with its third reading on May 21, 2007. Public input is welcome.

The ordinance as proposed would require an impact fee to be collected at the time building permits are issued. The new fees would add an additional \$2629 to new single family residential building permits, and square-foot amounts on commercial projects. The new ordinance would become effective on June 20, 2007.

Community News

Urban Water Users Workshop

Learn how to conserve water, still keeping your lawn and gardens green this summer! Attend the May 24th Urban Waters Users’ Workshop sponsored by Blaine Soil Conservation District. Topics include tree care tips and how to certify your lawn as “Trout Friendly” through Wood River Land Trust. (Info at 788-3947). Hailey Grange—609 3rd St. South from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Metered Water Conservation Rules

“Anyone who can solve the problems of water will be worthy of two Nobel prizes—one for peace and the other for science.”

John F. Kennedy

On October 1, 2006, the City of Hailey began the metered water system to support conservation of water in our high mountain desert region. By monitoring the water usage throughout the city your Public Works Department is able to quickly address high water consumption issues, such as leaks, and manage water usage to preserve our natural resources for this and future generations.



Our new metering system also informs consumers about their exact water usage and empowers them to manage it sensibly. Wise use of water for lawns and gardens will provide for optimum growing conditions and save money on your monthly bill. As a reminder, watering between the hours of **10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily** is prohibited by *Municipal Code 13.08.010*. For more information or links to water conservation websites please see the Public Works section of our website or contact your Public Works Department at 788-9830 ext. 17.

Calendar

Important Dates

Arts Commission	05/15/07
City Council Meetings	05/14/07
.....	05/21/07
Historic Preservation Commission	05/29/07
Parks & Lands Board	05/01/07
P&Z Meetings	05/07/07
.....	05/21/07