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Financial News

Development Impact Fees

Municipalities are funded through taxes, fees, and grants. New taxes cannot be assessed without voter approval. Fees can be implemented only when they pay directly for a service. For example, a business license fee pays for the cost of city staff's administration of the business license regulations, including inspecting premises for safety and to guard against neighborhood hazards. Fees are assessed when it is determined that general taxpayers should not pay for an individual service.

Development Impact Fees are a specific fee allowed under Idaho law to assess the cost of new growth against new development, so that general taxpayers don't pay for new growth. Idaho law is highly restrictive and Hailey adopted its development impact fees very carefully to be in compliance with Idaho law. A long public process is required and was used by Hailey, involving the use of an advisory committee comprised largely of developers, who assessed the equity of the fee structure and made recommendations prior to the city adopting the fees.

Hailey's capital improvement study outlines a 20 year infrastructure master plan which will cost \$35 million to implement. In the next 5 years, development impact fees would pay only the portion of that infrastructure required to serve new growth, \$2.5 million.

Grants & Awards

Hailey Honored for Water System

At the Idaho Rural Water Association (IRWA) 2008 Annual Conference in Boise on March 19-21, the City of Hailey Water Division received the 2008 Water System of the Year award. The IRWA Board of Directors made the award based on the completion of the city's water meter project, changing to a metered

water rate, and the high (99.5%) rate of successful radio meter reads. This last item is because the city has only around 15 meters each month that must be physically inspected to obtain the meter reading.

US EPA / IDEQ Brownfield Assessment at Lions Park

The City of Hailey has recently been approved for EPA funding to perform a Phase I & II Brownfield Assessment at Lions Park. Phase I involves a records search, site visit and interviews. Phase II includes test drilling and potential excavation of a number of test pits. The work will be coordinated with recreational uses at the park. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality administers the program.

Local history buffs may recall that Lions Park is a former landfill site, believed to pre-date the 1940s. The landfill was closed between 1964 and 1981, eventually capped, and then used as the site to construct a baseball field.

In 2004, the city adopted the Lions Park Master Plan, which includes concepts for improved access and parking, an outdoor ice rink, improvements to portions of the Big Wood and its banks for a whitewater park, and restoration of the Croy Creek Wetlands. It has recently been determined the ice rink may be sited in a different location. However, Lions Park will need this environmental assessment prior to implementation of other aspects of the master plan.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Friends of the Hailey Public Library
Annual Meeting: Election of officers
Wednesday, April 16th at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Meeting Room
(above the library)

Important Dates

Arts Commission, 04/01/08; City Council, 04/14/08, 04/28/08; Historic Preservation Commission, 04/29/08; Parks & Lands Board, 05/01/08; P&Z Meetings, 04/07/08, 04/21/08

Review of Dog Rules

Please be courteous of your fellow citizens and be aware of the law regarding dogs within the Hailey city limits. A brief review follows:

- It is unlawful to permit a dog to run at large upon the private premises of others or upon the streets, alleys, sidewalks, highways, vacant lots, school grounds or other public places within the city.
- A dog is considered to be running at large unless it is under control by leash, cord, chain or by verbal control of a person within ten feet of such animal. (A dog must be on a leash not exceeding ten feet *at all times* in city parks or on school grounds.)
- It is unlawful to allow a dog to be a public nuisance, including such behaviors as frequent, continuous or untimely barking; molesting passers-by; chasing vehicles; attacking other domestic animals; trespassing on public or private property in such manner as to damage the property; or defecating on public or private property when same is not immediately removed by the keeper of the animal.
- It is unlawful for any individual, individuals or family residing in a single household or residence within the city limits to own, keep or possess more than three dogs.
- Licenses must be obtained for dogs once they reach six months of age, or within ten days of the acquisition of a dog over six months of age.
- The animal control officer or any peace officer may seize and impound any dog found running at large, or any dog without a collar bearing a current license.



Does Your Project Require a Building Permit?

With the building season gearing up, it is important to know what types of projects require a building permit. The basic definition is as follows:

Anyone who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or anyone who causes any such work to be done, must obtain a permit.

In addition to the above definition, a permit is required for all new construction, remodels or additions, re-roofs and fences.

Types of work that are exempt from the permit requirement include the following:

One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet., the peak height does not exceed 12 feet, and the structure is located at least 3 feet from other structures and at least 3 feet from any property line. This 3-foot dimension should be measured to the eave of the structure.



Retaining walls which are not over 4 feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II or III-A liquids.

Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.

There are a number of other obscure, miscellaneous exemptions. To avoid delays, please be sure your project is properly permitted. The Building Department, located at City Hall, will be happy to clarify permit questions and get your project off on the right track. Call 788-9815, ext. 16 for Dave Ferguson, the Building Official, or ext. 15 for Rick Fahey, the Building Inspector.