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Mayor's Message: Be Informed and Vote!

Two Hailey City Council seats are up for election. Candidate views and platforms can be readily found through newspaper and online information sources. There are also two initiative ballots for Hailey voters. Proposition One asks if voters want to Repeal and Refund Development Impact Fees for Non-Residential Customers. We have included information in this mailing about The City of Hailey's development impact fees to assist voters toward an informed decision pertaining to this initiative.

Proposition Two proposes a Repeal of Hailey's Annual Business License Renewal Fee. Under current Hailey ordinance, a business is required to obtain a City of Hailey license when it occupies a new premise. City officials review the proposed business use to make sure it conforms with zoning regulations. Safety inspections are conducted such as fire inspections and wastewater pretreatment inspections. Fire and safety inspections continue in the following years. An annual business license renewal fee of \$50 is charged to cover the cost of ongoing safety inspections upon the premise.

Freeze Protection

Certain properties, for a variety of reasons, must run a continuous stream of water in the winter to prevent freeze-up of water lines. A reduction in fees may be possible, as provided under Section 13.04.130 (D) (3) of the Hailey Municipal Code. To request freeze protection, submit the *Request for Water Service Freeze Protection* application found on the City's website or available at City Hall. This form must be received in advance in order to be eligible for a reduction in fees.

Calendar

City Council	11/13/17
Planning & Zoning	11/6/17 & 11/20/17
Arts & Historic Preservation	11/9/17
Parks & Lands Board	11/8/17
Public Library Board	11/15/17
Tree Committee	11/9/17
Thanksgiving Holidays	
<i>City Offices Closed</i>	11/23/17 & 11/24/17

Your opinion counts!
Please take the
Hailey Greenway Master Plan
Priority Survey
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HaileyGreenway>



Hailey Parks, Lands & Trails Master Plan updates

The Master Plan is in the process of being updated. Please find the plan on the City's website at www.haileycityhall.org.



Please attend a meeting at City Hall:
11/8—Parks & Lands Board at 6pm
11/13—City Council meeting at 5:30pm

Comments can be sent to stephanie.cook@haileycityhall.org,
Or



Hailey City Election – Tuesday
Nov. 7, 2017



Where do I vote?

On election day: all City of Hailey precincts vote at 1050 Fox Acres Rd.—Community Campus. Polls are open from 8 am to 8 pm., Tuesday Nov. 7, 2017.

Blaine County Elections Office
206 1st Avenue South



<p>Hailey Tree Committee</p> <p>Is looking for people interested in Hailey's urban forest</p> <p>Be a part of:</p> <p>ArborFest Tree City USA Public Trees Urban Forestry Plan Arbor Day Tree Planting And so much more</p>	<p>Hailey Parks & Lands Board</p> <p>Is looking for people interested in Hailey's Parks</p> <p>Be a part of:</p> <p>ArborFest Park development Public Trees Park planning and use Parks, Lands & Trails Master Plan And so much more</p>
<p>Join us if you like trees and parks as much as we do!</p>	
<p>THINK GREEN</p> <p>Contact Stephanie Cook at 208-788-9830 x31 or stephanie.cook@haileycityhall.org</p> 	

THANK YOU to Sage School for everyone's hard work helping to over seed, compost and pick up trash on Woodside Boulevard!



Hailey Public Library November Events

Check out what's new in September. Complete details are at: www.HaileyPublicLibrary.org & www.facebook.com/HaileyPublicLibrary

In-beTween: Monday - Thursday 3:30 PM: an after school camp full of STEAM activities, games and experiments!

Tuesdays at 3:30 PM: Tinker Tuesday. Get into STEM at Tinker Time! Aimed at elementary and middle school kids, this program focuses on exploring science year-round.

Thursdays at 3:30 PM: TNT Thursdays are for tweens and teens to enjoy an hour of gaming and the newest STEM tech.

Wednesdays & Fridays at 10:30 AM: Story Time is an interactive story hour made especially for preschool aged children.

Friday, November 10: Veterans' Day Closure.

Tuesday, November 14, 5:30 PM: Library Reads Book Club. Each month, HPL hosts a book club with curated picks from library staff and special guests.

Wednesday, November 15, 5:30 PM: Family Folktales Feast. Listen to a Folktale Storytime for all ages. Sample a potluck Hobbit's feast, and bring dishes that could have been served in Middle Earth. Please no alcohol or peanuts. Costumes welcome!

Thursday, November 16, 6:00 PM: Book Talk. HPL hosts a book talk hosted by local author Julie Weston. She'll be talking about her book, *Basque Moon*.

Friday, November 17, 12:00 PM: Lunch and Learn. Join us for a brown-bag lunch in the Sun Room and an hour of learning. This month, Sarah Hedrick from Iconoclast Books is talking about best books to give for the holiday season.

Thursday - Friday, November 23 & 24: Thanksgiving Closure.

Public Works

Winter Parking Restrictions Allow Efficient and Safe Snow Removal

BEFORE WINTER BEGINS – Remove personal belongings from the city right of way; items not removed may be damaged during plowing operations. The city is not responsible for any damage that may occur.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS – No overnight parking (12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.) of any kind within any city right of way between Nov 1 and May 1. Where there is no improved curb and gutter, vehicles must be *at least 6'* off edge of asphalt. Illegally parked vehicles may be towed without notice and at the owner's expense.

HAILEY'S DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

A Hailey citizen has placed an initiative ballot on the November 7, 2017 election. The initiative asks whether voters want to amend Hailey's Development Impact Fee ordinance. The amendment, if adopted by voters, would eliminate the development impact fee on commercial construction projects and request the City of Hailey return to payors previously collected commercial development impact fees.

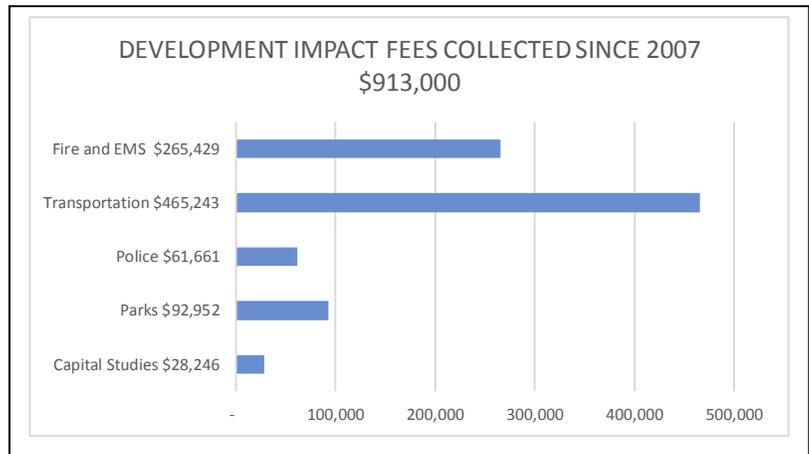
The City of Hailey adopted its first Development Impact Fees in 2007. In 10 years, the City has collected over \$900,000 in development impact fees. Of this amount, \$500,000 was collected from new commercial construction projects and \$400,000 was collected from new residential construction projects.

Voting YES will eliminate commercial development impact fees. Residential development impact fees will remain in place. The City would be asked to return \$500,000 in commercial fees to fee payors.

Voting NO will leave Hailey's current ordinance in place, under which all new construction, both commercial and residential, is subject to development impact fees.

What Are Development Impact Fees?

Idaho law allows development impact fees to be collected and used through a planned process with input from developers. At least every five years, a study must be conducted that assesses how much of a city's capital improvements serve new growth. The development impact fee is set based on the outcomes of this study, so that new growth pays for that portion of capital infrastructure needed to serve that new growth.



We can illustrate the fees by discussing an intersection that is failing because it needs a traffic signal. The new traffic signal is put into a city's capital improvement plan with a cost assigned to it. New growth is not responsible for the entire cost of the new traffic signal. Existing traffic accounts for the largest portion of the traffic signal cost, and new growth pays for its share of cost, in the same ratio as traffic created by that new growth to already existing traffic. A new home, for example, affects the traffic signal by an approximate 6 trips per day. A new commercial building affects traffic by generating trips by the employees as well as customers of the business. These uses add to the need for the traffic signal. The Development Impact Fee Study assesses and assigns the dollar figures of new growth to a city's planned capital projects, and establishes the fee amount.

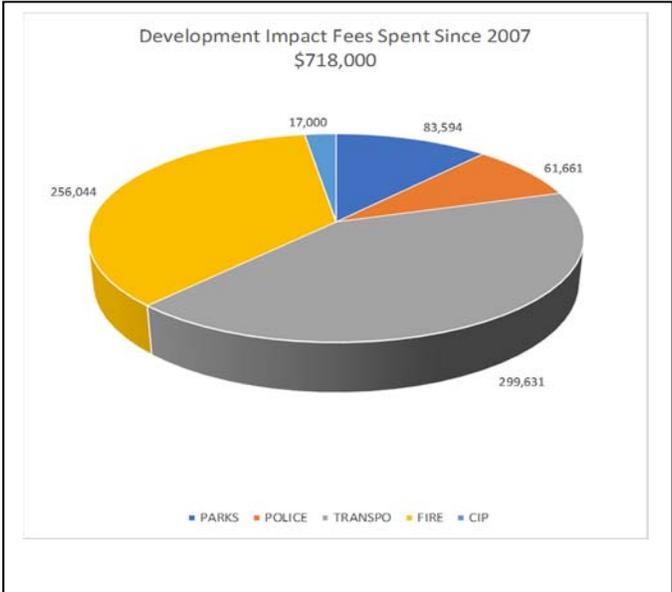
Are Development Impact Fees a Tax?

Idaho law calls development impact fees a fee, not a tax. Taxes can be charged only when they serve the public at large. Fees can be charged only when they serve a specific individual or group. Development impact fees are collected and spent in the ratio that a new capital improvement is used by new development. Before adopting development impact fees, a city makes a determination that property taxes alone do not cover the

cost of service, or that there are insufficient capital improvement dollars available to implement its capital improvement plan. City governing bodies then decide whether to increase taxes or to diversify revenue sources by instituting development impact fees. The fees are charged at the time a building permit is issued for the construction of a new home or new commercial square footage.

Development Impact Fee Spending

Idaho law does not allow development impact fees to be spent on libraries or administrative facilities. Only capital improvements in the area of transportation improvements, emergency services, and the cost of capital improvement studies are eligible for commercial development impact fees under current Hailey ordinances. Residential development impact fees add parks to the list. The table at right shows the categories in which \$718,000 of development impact fees have been spent in Hailey on capital projects and equipment.



Economic Considerations of Studies

Hailey amended its development impact fees in 2012 and 2016. The 2012 study showed lower growth projections following the recession and Hailey’s development impact fees decreased. Costs for new commercial space ranged from .30 cents/sq ft to \$6.66/sq ft, depending on the type of commercial construction.

In 2016, Hailey conducted another study with a revised capital improvement plan, from which a new police station was removed. Development impact fees decreased again and no longer include police facility fees. Costs for commercial square footage now range from .92 cents per sq ft to \$2.31/sq ft. depending on the type of commercial construction.

Neighborhood and City-Wide Uses

Some areas of town are used more by neighborhoods than by the public at large. Infrastructure used by the public at large is considered city-wide infrastructure. Only improvements to city-wide infrastructure are allowed to be considered in the setting of development impact fees and in their spending.

Hailey’s parks are categorized as neighborhood parks or city-wide parks. Hailey’s streets are categorized as arterial, collector, and neighborhood streets. Neighborhood parks and streets are not eligible for development impact fees. Arterial and collector streets are, as they serve city-wide traffic needs. Hailey has 14 parks, 8 of which are considered city-wide parks. Only residential development impact fees pay for city-wide park improvements. Commercial development impact fees don’t have a parks component, as business customers don’t impact parks in the way that new residential growth does.