



System Development Charges – Making Changes in Newberg to Encourage Growth

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Newberg councilors have been involved in a taskforce to develop a new set of models for System Development Charges (SDCs). SDCs are paid by developers or builders when they want to construct new buildings or re-purpose buildings to accommodate some new type of enterprise. While the math is complex the basic concept is not. SDCs cover the costs of new city infrastructure and the additional load placed on current city infrastructure by new development. Infrastructure means roads, wastewater systems, potable water systems and the like. The city has been asked many times to look at the charges to see if they could be reduced or honed to have a range of positive effects on Newberg businesses and the community in general. The re-evaluation is completed and now it's time for change.
