



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Public Hearing to Consider and Ordinance Amending Chapter 368. Park System Impact Fee

Presenter:

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Description:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 368. Park System Impact Fee. The Ordinance phases in the new fee over a four year period, increases the maximum size of a residential unit on which the fees are charged to 4,500 square feet, and makes a finding of extraordinary circumstances based on the adoption of the Parks Master Plan.

Recommended Action:

Make a finding of Extraordinary Circumstances due to the adoption of the Parks Master Plan and Adopt the Ordinance Amending Chapter 368. Park System Impact Fee

Prior Board Motions:

October 10, 2023 – Commissioner Cornell moved to authorize Staff to advertise public hearings for the Fire, Park System and Mobility Fee, including increasing the maximum square footage to 4,500 square feet

Fiscal Note:

Adopting the Ordinance will affect the amount of revenue in the current fiscal year for the Park System Impact Fee, Fund 339. No new expenditures are to be budgeted from this fund in the current fiscal year. Fiscal Year 2025 will include updated annual revenue projections for the Park System Impact Fee, and the Capital Improvements Plan adopted as part of that budget will identify any expenditures for eligible projects.

Strategic Guide:

Infrastructure

Background:

Alachua County has an adopted Park System Impact Fee. Florida Statute requires that impact fees be based on the most recently available local data. This update to the Park System Impact Fee proposes to increase the Park System Impact Fee from \$0.126 to \$0.41788 per square foot of floor area for residential uses, and adopted a fee of \$493.56 per hotel room. These fees are to be phased in over four years beginning March 1, 2024. In addition, the update will increase the maximum residential square footage on which fees are calculated from 2,600 sq. ft. to 4,500 sq. ft. The fee is based on the

Commission making a finding of extraordinary circumstances due to the adoption of the Parks Master Plan, and requires a two-thirds majority for adoption. The County held two public workshops to consider the extraordinary circumstances on July 5, 2023 and July 6, 2023.