

Brighton Fire Rescue District

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Fire District Impact Fee Summary

The Public Safety Fairness Act (HB 16-1088) was enacted on June 8, 2016 allowing Fire Districts to impose an impact fee on new development if approved by the local government, in this case the City. This fee must be directly related to the impact of new development and can only be used for "capital facilities" (buildings and equipment with a useful life of 5 years or more).

Currently the Fire District pays for new stations and equipment through its capital reserve funds (which are transfers from the operational fund) or, more commonly, through capital lease purchase agreements. The Fire District has more than \$10 million in debt for the building of fire stations and purchase of equipment that had resulted from the impact of new development in the last 15 years.

The Fire District engaged a third-party, BBC Consulting, to complete an independent study of the impact of new development on the District and the proposed impact fees directly related to that impact. The impact fee study recommended the following fees be imposed on new building permits issued for specific development types:

Commercial (per 1000 square feet) \$433 Single family (per dwelling unit) \$688 Multifamily (per dwelling unit) \$550

Fees collected will be set aside in an Impact Fee Fund and used only to pay for growth-related infrastructure.

The Fire District is requesting that the City enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the District defining the impact fee charge and the details of collection and remittance.