

## **NOTICE**

### **NON-RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO AN IMPACT FEE ASSESSMENT**

Effective June 1, 2007, it is the policy of the Board of County Commissioners that impact fees are due for all non-residential projects that are not otherwise exempt per Section 54-4 (a) 2. of the Citrus County Code. Impact Fees are an assessment made against all new development that contributes to the burden of public facilities and services. They are a one-time fee designed to ensure that growth pays for itself as much as possible. The County began collecting impact fees in 1987.

Citrus County uses Impact Fees to supplement other types of fees and taxes to fund capital construction projects necessitated by growth. Impact Fees constitute a significant funding source and enables the County to provide facilities and services, some of which are mandated by the County's comprehensive plan. The budgeting of Impact Fees is accomplished through the County's annual budget process for which public hearings are held. The County has seven years in which to spend the funds from the date they were collected.

Thus far, Impact Fees have been allocated for such projects as land acquisition for parks, engineering for road construction, road right-of-way acquisitions, and actual road construction. Impact Fees cannot, however, be spent to maintain public facilities once they are built. These expenses fall to ad valorem taxes and/or user fees for funding.

By law, the fee structure must reasonably relate to the actual costs of the projected improvements. Also, the amount of Impact Fees varies according to the type of development in question. For more information on how impact fees may impact your project, please visit our website at [www.bocc.citrus.fl.us](http://www.bocc.citrus.fl.us) or contact Community Development staff for more information at 352-527-5239.