Staff Report
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Ordinance No. 20-010 Amending CMC regarding SDC/Impact Fees
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BACKGROUND: An Ordinance amending the Camas Municipal code to require system development charges and impact fees be assessed at time of building permit application submittal.

SUMMARY: System development charges (SDC's) and impact fees are the only fees that the Building Department collects that are both assessed and collected at the time of Building Permit Issuance.   All other fees/charges are assessed at the time of application and collected at the time of permit issuance (w/in six months of application). This create an undesirable administrative hurdle for both the applicant and Staff: 1) Applicants desire certainty in knowing what the total fees/charges are going to be when they submit a building permit; 2) Under the current system, Staff must update/recalculate when the application date is in one year and the permit issuance date another.

To save time, effort and reduce potential errors in this updating process at year's end and likewise reduce potential audit issues Staff supports amending the Camas Municipal Code to reflect SDC's and impact fees being assessed at time of application versus time of permit issuance.

City staff communicated with The State Auditor's Office and they support fees being at time of application.

EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS:
What are the desired results and outcomes for this agenda item? Clean building permitting audits from SOA

What's the data? What does the data tell us? NA

How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement? N/A

Who will benefit from, or be burdened by this agenda item? NA

What are the strategies to mitigate any unintended consequences? N/A

Does this agenda item have a differential impact on underserved populations, people living with disabilities, and/or communities of color? Please provide available data to illustrate this impact. N/A