Paying for Growth: Impact Fees in Idaho

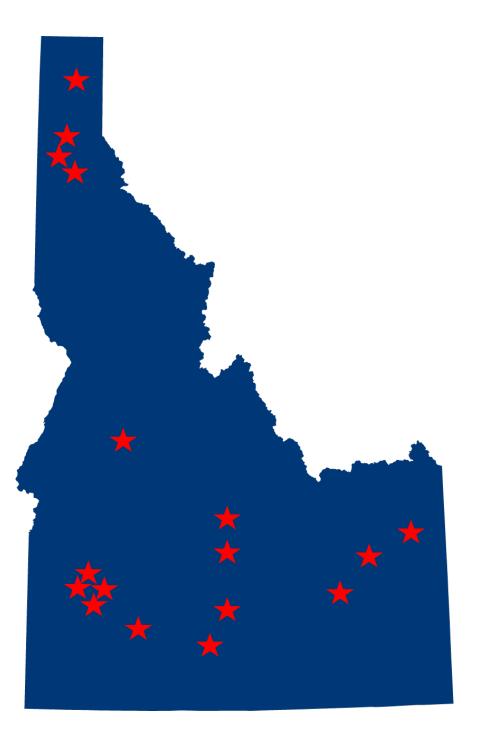
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Ada County	Boise	Burley	Caldwell	Caldwell Hwy. District	Caldwell Rural Fire District
Canyon County	Canyon County EMS	Carey	Cascade	Cascade Fire District	Donnelly
Driggs	Eagle Fire District	Eastside Fire District	Eastside Hwy. District	Elmore County	Emmett
Filer Fire District	Gem County	Gem County Fire District	Hailey	Hayden	Homedale Fire District
Houser Fire District	ldaho Falls	Jerome County	Kellogg	Kootenai County	Kootenai County Fire District
Kuna	Kuna Fire District	Lakes Hwy. District	Marsing Fire District	McCall	McCall Fire District
Melba Fire District	Meridian	Meridian Rural Fire District	MicaKidd Fire District	Middleton	Middleton Fire District
Middleton Parks District	Mountain Home	Nampa	Nampa Fire District	North Ada Co. Fire District	Northern Lakes Fire District
Northside Fire District	Parma	Payette	Payette County	Post Falls	Post Falls Hwy. District
Rock Creek Fire District	Sandpoint	Shoshone County	Shoshone Fire District	Spirit Lake Fire District	St. Maries' Fire District
Star Fire District	Sun Valley	Teton County	Timberlake Fire District	Twin Falls	Valley County
Victor	West Pend	Whitney Fire District	Wilder Fire District	Worley Fire District	



Impact Fee Fundamentals

- One-time payment for growth-related infrastructure, usually collected at the time buildings permits are issued
- Not a tax, similar to a contractual arrangement to build infrastructure with fee revenue, with three requirements
 - Need (system improvements, not project-level improvements)
 - Benefit
 - Short range expenditures
 - Geographic service areas and/or benefit districts
 - Proportionate

Eligible Costs

- Facilities/improvements required to serve new development Yes
- Excess capacity in existing facilities Yes
- Improvements required to correct existing deficiencies No
 - Unless there is a funding plan
- Maintenance and repairs No
- Operating costs No
- Park examples
 - Net new playground Yes
 - Replacing rusty slide No
 - ✤ Replacing playground from 400 sqft to 1,000 sqft 60% impact fees

Impact Fees in Idaho

- Impact fee revenue must be maintained in an interest bearing account
- Monies must be spent within 8 years from collection
- Community must publish an Annual Monitoring Report and have Advisory Committee
- Capital improvement plan (CIP) is required
- Comprehensive review and update every 5 years
- Eligible for the following public facilities with useful life of 10 years or more:
 - Water, wastewater, stormwater
 - Transportation
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Public safety: law enforcement, fire, EMS

Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee

- DIFAC is at least 5 members
 - Must be residents of the jurisdiction
 - At least 2 must be developers, realtors, builders; at least 2 must not be active in those fields
- Assist in the assumptions regarding growth, levels of service, future demand, costs, capital plans, etc.
 - Mission is to secure a recommendation of validity of the analysis
 - Other recommendations/comments submitted to City Council
- Meet annually to review revenue and expenditure report

Myths and Misconceptions

- Impact fees cover the entire cost of new facilities, negating the need for higher taxes
 - Conservative assumptions
 - Credits
 - O&M costs
- Impact fees should be based on planning standards, without concern for deficiencies
- × Nonresidential fees can be "adjusted" for economic reasons
- × All developers/builders hate impact fees
 - Streamlined program that proformas can account for (just like building permit fees), compared to unknowns during the entitlement process
 - Equity across development

Impact Fee Study Process

- Methodologies
 - Cost Recovery (past)
 - Recovering growth cost of a previously built facility
 - Incremental Expansion (present)
 - Fee is set to current level of service
 - Plan-Based (future)
 - Fee is collected for a specific CIP project list
- Benefit Analysis (service areas)
- Evaluate credits

Impact Fee Study Process

- Determine existing development base and projected future growth
- Determine existing levels of service and capital needs due to new growth
- Determine appropriate indicators of demand
- Evaluate methodological alternatives
- Evaluate need for credits
- Calculate fees
- Review and input from DIFAC/other stakeholder groups
- Adoption process
 - Planning & Zoning Committee for CIP to be included to Comp Plan
 - City Council for ordinance and formal adoption

Current Fee Schedule

• Last study completed in 2012

Figure 1. Summary of City of Sandpoint Impact Fee Methodologies

Fee Category	Components	Methodologies
Parks and Recreation	 Park land acquisition Park improvements Recreation facility space 	Incremental Expansion
Police	 Police Station Communications Infrastructure 	Incremental Expansion
Fire	 Fire Stations Apparatus/Equipment 	Incremental Expansion
Transportation	 Streets and Intersections Multi-use Pathways 	Plan-Based Incremental Expansion

Current Fee Schedule

- Comprehensive update includes addressing:
- 1. Cost increases since 2012
- 2. Levels of service
- 3. Future growth-related capital expansion plans (CIP)

	Parks &			Sandpoint	Sandpoint	Current
Development Type	Recreation	Pathways	Roads	Fire	Police	Total Fee
Residential (per housing unit by square fe	et)					
Multi-family/other all sizes	\$2 <i>,</i> 662	\$487	\$1,506	\$499	\$291	\$5,445
Single Family 0-3 bedrooms	\$2 <i>,</i> 465	\$451	\$1,646	\$462	\$269	\$5,294
Single Family 4+ bedrooms	\$3,693	\$675	\$2,213	\$692	\$404	\$7,676
Nonresidential (per 1,000 square feet)						
Commercial/Shopping Center Average	-	\$285	\$3,738	\$856	\$177	\$5 <i>,</i> 056
Office	-	\$95	\$1,386	\$285	\$54	\$1,820
Mini-Warehouse	-	\$27	\$313	\$68	\$14	\$422
Warehousing	-	\$27	\$449	\$95	\$14	\$585
Manufacturing	-	\$41	\$476	\$95	\$14	\$626
Light Industrial	-	\$68	\$870	\$177	\$41	\$1,156

Current Fee Schedule

• Impact fee comps

					Current			
Infrastructure Type	Post Falls	Couer d'Alene	Hayden	Rathdrum	Sandpoint	Northern Lakes Fire	Kootenai County Fire	Northside Fire
Roads								
per single family residential unit	\$3,174	\$3 <i>,</i> 933	\$2,672	\$2,560	\$1 <i>,</i> 645	\$0	\$0	\$0
per 1,000 retail sf	\$6,340	\$5 <i>,</i> 360	\$9,980	\$7 <i>,</i> 380	\$3 <i>,</i> 738	\$0	\$0	\$0
Parks								
per single family residential unit	\$6,444	\$1,705	\$2,935	\$2,048	\$2 <i>,</i> 465	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pathways								
per single family residential unit	\$1,387	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$451	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fire/Fire District								
per single family residential unit	\$1,380	\$1,320	\$1,481	\$0	\$462	\$1,302	\$1,207	\$785
per 1,000 retail sf	\$690	\$700	\$780	\$0	\$856	\$650	\$600	\$390
Police								
per single family residential unit	\$1,260	\$688	\$154	\$1,173	\$269	\$0	\$0	\$0
per 1,000 retail sf	\$1,240	\$370	\$345	\$21	\$177	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL								
per single family residential unit	\$13,645	\$7 <i>,</i> 645	\$7,242	\$5,781	\$5,292	\$1,302	\$1,207	\$785

\$11,105

\$7,401

\$4,771

\$650

\$600

\$6,430

\$8,270

per 1,000 retail sf

\$390

Study Update

- Exploring changes to program
- 1. Changing residential fee schedule by square footage of dwelling unit
- 2. Expanding development types in nonresidential schedule
 - Hotel & institutional

Study Update

- Stormwater
 - Proposal for study included examining stormwater impact fees
 - TischlerBise is recommending not moving forward
 - 1. Stormwater infrastructure has significant existing deficiencies that require non-impact fee funding (not unusual)
 - 2. Stormwater Master Plan is outdated
 - 3. Growth-related stormwater CIP not available

Study Update

Demographic Assumptions

Permanent and Seasonal Population

 Base year housing is derived from building permit trends since the 2020 Decennial Census

	2020	New Housing	Base Year
Housing Type	Census[1]	Units [2]	2024
Single Family	3,000	255	3,255
Multifamily	1,295	136	1,431
Total	4,295		4,686
[1] Source: Tisch	erBise analysis of	f U.S Census Bure	eau 2020

Decennial Census

[2] Source: City of Sandpoint building permit data

Base Year Population

• Permanent, seasonal, and overnight visitor population combined leads to peak population estimate of 11,413

	Base Year
City of Sandpoint	2024
Permanent Hsg Population [1]	9,397
Seasonal Hsg Population [2]	1,651
Overnight-Visitors [3]	365
Total Peak Population	11,413
Housing Units [4]	
Single Family	3,136
Multifamily	1,550
Total Housing Units	4,686

[1] TischlerBise analysis of occupied housing units and PPHH factors

[2] TischlerBise analysis of vacant/seasonal housing units and PPHH factors

[3] TischlerBise survey of available lodging rooms

[4] Source: TischlerBise analysis of U.S. Census Bureau

2020 Decennial Census, and City of Sandpoint Planning Department

Building Permit History

- Building permit history shows a total of 538 housing units added since 2019
- Annual average of 108 units
- Breakdown for projected new units from conversations with City staff

Development	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total	5-Year Average
Total Units	80	67	191	95	105	538	108

Source: Sandpoint Planning Department

Housing Type	Housing Split
Multifamily	65%
Single Family	35%
Total	100%

Source: Sandpoint Planning Department

Residential Development Projections

- Housing projections based on building permit data
- 3,372 new residents (30% increase)

	Base Year											Total
City of Sandpoint	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	Increase
Permanent Hsg Pop [1]	9,397	9,777	10,156	10,350	10,543	10,736	10,929	11,122	11,316	11,509	11,702	2,305
Seasonal Hsg Pop [1]	1,651	1,766	1,881	1,930	1,979	2,027	2,076	2,125	2,173	2,222	2,271	620
Overnight-Visitors [2]	365	604	699	713	728	742	756	770	784	798	812	447
Total Peak Population	11,413	12,147	12,737	12,993	13,249	13,505	13,761	14,017	14,273	14,529	14,785	3,372
Percer	nt Increase	6.43%	4.86%	2.01%	1.97%	1.93%	1.90%	1.86%	1.83%	1.79%	1.76%	30%
Housing Units [3]												
Single Family	3,136	3,173	3,211	3,248	3,285	3,323	3,360	3,398	3,435	3,472	3,510	374
Multifamily [4]	1,550	1,739	1,928	1,998	2,068	2,139	2,209	2,279	2,349	2,420	2,490	940
Total Housing Units	4,686	4,912	5,139	5,246	5,354	5,462	5,569	5,677	5,784	5 <i>,</i> 892	6,000	1,314

[1] Population projected based on housing growth and persons per household factors.

[2] Visitor growth is assumed to grow at the same rate as permanent and seasonal population, current hotel projects included in first two years of projections

[3] Housing projections are based on building permit trends provided by the City of Sandpoint Planning Department

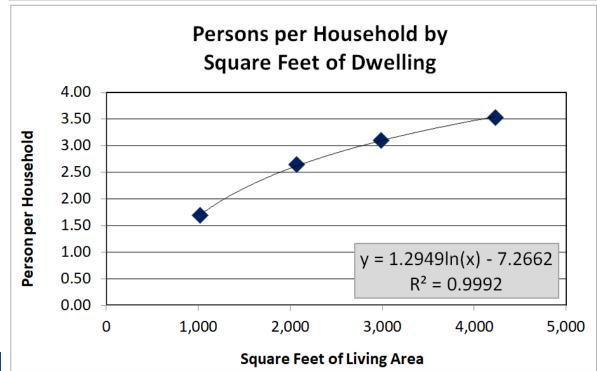
[4] Includes ADUs and tiny homes which are considered to be occupied during peak season

Persons by Household Size

• PPHH by sq ft in Sandpoint

Actual	Averages per Hs	Fitted-Curve Values			
Bedrooms	Square Feet	Persons	Sq Ft Range	Persons	
0-2	1,021	1.69	Under 1,000	1.31	
3	2,070	2.65	1,000 to 1,999	2.20	
4	2,986	3.10	2,000 to 2,999	2.87	
5+	4,235	3.53	3,000 to 3,999	3.30	
		4000 or more	3.63		

Average persons per household derived from 2022 ACS PUMS data (PUMA 100) that includes Sandpoint. Unit size for 0-2 bedroom is from the 2023 U.S. Census Bureau average for all multifamily units constructed in the Census West region. Unit size for all other bedrooms is from the 2023 U.S. Census Bureau average for single family units constructed in the Census Mountain division.



Nonresidential Development Projections

- Employment projections based on IDOL Northern Region long term employment growth rate by industry type
- Projected 17% increase in jobs and 17% increase in nonresidential sq ft

	Base Year											Total
Industry	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	Increase
Jobs [1]												
Retail	1,513	1,529	1,544	1,560	1,576	1,592	1,609	1,625	1,642	1,659	1,676	163
Office	2,303	2,328	2,354	2,379	2,406	2,432	2,458	2,485	2,513	2,540	2,568	265
Industrial	1,461	1,519	1,577	1,596	1,616	1,635	1,655	1,675	1,696	1,716	1,737	276
Institutional	2,379	2,440	2,502	2,555	2,609	2,665	2,721	2,779	2,839	2,899	2,961	582
Total	7,656	7,815	7,977	8,091	8,207	8,324	8,444	8,565	8,689	8,814	8,942	1,286
Nonresidential F	loor Area (2	1,000 sq	. ft.) [2]									
Retail	713	720	727	735	742	750	758	766	773	781	789	77
Office	707	715	723	730	738	747	755	763	771	780	788	81
Industrial	931	967	1,005	1,017	1,029	1,042	1,054	1,067	1,080	1,093	1,106	176
Institutional	833	854	876	894	913	933	953	973	993	1,015	1,036	204
Total	3,183	3,256	3,330	3,376	3,423	3,471	3,519	3 <i>,</i> 569	3,618	3,669	3,721	538
[1] Source: ESRI B	usiness Ana	alyst; Ida	aho Dep	artmen	t of Lab	or; Tisch	lerBise	analysis				

[2] Source: Institute of Transportation Engineers, *Trip Generation*, 2021

Next Steps

- 1. Initial comments on methodologies, process
- 2. Incorporate input on growth projections
- 3. Finalize a draft report for committee review
- 4. Incorporate input on draft results
- 5. Motion on study moving forward to P&Z and City Council

Discussion

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