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Development Issues in the Critical Area

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COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE:

Please refer to the Anne Arundel County Council Website www.aacounty.org/CountyCouncil/approvedlegis.cfm,

The newly adopted Impact Fee **Bill #71-08**

Example of Fee Schedule Change: will go into effect on January 1, 2009. This new legislation will substantially increase the impact fees on a development once fully implemented January 1, 2011; next year, 2009, the current fees will be temporarily reduced by about 50% to address the current economic crisis. Impact fees are imposed in the categories of Roads, Schools and Public Safety, on any new development in the county and can be substantial. The new fees are based on square footages and have to be paid before a building permit is issued.

A. Beginning January 1, 2009 for residential development between 3,000 – 3,499 sf, total impact fee assessment will be \$2,272.00. This is a reduction from the current fee of \$5,096.00.

B. Beginning January 1, 2010 the assessment will be \$4,546.00.

C. Beginning January 1, 2011 after being fully implemented, the assessment will be \$11,363.00.

In addition, you can view the newly introduced bill **#85-08** that requires residential sprinkler installation in **all new single family dwellings** and any substantially altered, improved or enlarged **existing dwellings**. The hearing for this bill is on Monday, November 17th @ 7:00 p.m. Anybody interested in testifying for or against should attend this hearing in Council Chambers at the Arundel Center.

Bill #84-08 is a bill that was introduced to require a nitrogen reduction system on any new or replacement system in the Critical Area and Bog Protection overlays. The hearing is on the same night as the sprinkler bill hearing.

Watch for our next Critical Area Newsletter in late December.

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