

March 25, 2017

Howard Tipton, County Administrator  
St. Lucie County Government  
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RE: Proposed Impact Fee Changes

Mr. Tipton,

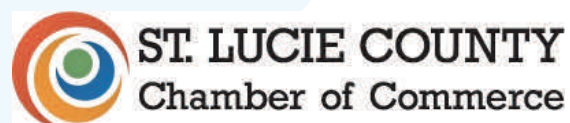
The Development Review Task Force is very concerned about the proposed impact fee changes and their effect on local business. In particular, the effect on small business and local builders may prove to be incredibly burdensome. Ultimately these fees will be passed on to consumers in the form of increased cost of housing, goods and services.

Additionally, it appears these changes would make the impact fees for St. Lucie County higher than any of our neighbors and certainly higher than comparable cities including West Palm Beach. This does not appear to be business friendly.

We do hope that alternative methods for garnering funds for the county will be thoroughly exhausted before the decision is made to move forward. Additionally, the Development Review Task Force will work to provide further input on this matter.

Please feel free to contact any of the members of the Development Review Task Force in reference to this item. A full list of members and contacts is attached.

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