The City of Woodland is launching an impact fee deferral program. The voluntary program is meant to encourage new development while ensuring that impact fees are paid at the time new development imposes demands on the city’s parks, schools and fire safety services.

The City of Woodland charges impact fees related to fire service, schools, and parks.

Currently, all impact fees are due at the time of building permit issuance. However, state law allows for the deferral of impact fee payments until new development imposes a new or increased service demand on affected city systems.

Woodland’s voluntary deferral program is intended to stimulate economic activity in Woodland by reducing the upfront cost of development. For a single family residence, the total cost of impact fees is $5,396. Commercial and industrial development is subject to fire impact fees at a rate of $0.51 per square foot. Currently these fees are due at the time of building permit issuance. To defer these charges, a voluntary lien is recorded against the property. This lien must be paid in full when:

- The City issues a Certificate of Occupancy,
- The property is sold or transferred, or
- The passage of 12 months from the effective date of the Agreement.

Woodland’s impact fee deferral program goes into effect on October 15, 2012. Building and Planning Department staff are available to answer any questions about the program. For further questions, please call Carolyn Johnson at 360-225-1048.