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HOUSE BILL 441

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY; EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF  
"AFFORDABLE HOUSING" IN THE DEVELOPMENT FEES ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 5-8-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,  
Chapter 122, Section 2) is amended to read:

"5-8-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Development Fees  
Act:

A. "affordable housing" means any housing  
development built primarily to benefit [~~those whose income is  
at or below eighty percent of the area median income and who  
will pay no more than thirty percent of their gross monthly  
income towards such housing~~] persons of low or moderate income;

B. "approved land use assumptions" means land use  
assumptions adopted originally or as amended under the

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1 Development Fees Act;

2 C. "assessment" means a determination of the amount  
3 of an impact fee;

4 D. "capital improvement" means any of the following  
5 facilities that have a life expectancy of ten or more years and  
6 are owned and operated by or on behalf of a municipality or  
7 county:

8 (1) water supply, treatment and distribution  
9 facilities; wastewater collection and treatment facilities; and  
10 storm water, drainage and flood control facilities;

11 (2) roadway facilities located within the  
12 service area, including roads, bridges, bike and pedestrian  
13 trails, bus bays, rights of way, traffic signals, landscaping  
14 and any local components of state and federal highways;

15 (3) buildings for fire, police and rescue and  
16 essential equipment costing ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or  
17 more and having a life expectancy of ten years or more; and

18 (4) parks, recreational areas, open space  
19 trails and related areas and facilities;

20 E. "capital improvements plan" means a plan  
21 required by the Development Fees Act that identifies capital  
22 improvements or facility expansion for which impact fees may be  
23 assessed;

24 F. "county" means a county of any classification;

25 G. "facility expansion" means the expansion of the

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1 capacity of an existing facility that serves the same function  
2 as an otherwise necessary new capital improvement, in order  
3 that the existing facility may serve new development. [~~The~~  
4 ~~term~~] "Facility expansion" does not include the repair,  
5 maintenance, modernization or expansion of an existing facility  
6 to better serve existing development, including schools and  
7 related facilities;

8 H. "hook-up fee" means a reasonable fee for  
9 connection of a service line to an existing gas, water, sewer  
10 or municipal or county utility;

11 I. "impact fee" means a charge or assessment  
12 imposed by a municipality or county on new development in order  
13 to generate revenue for funding or recouping the costs of  
14 capital improvements or facility expansions necessitated by and  
15 attributable to the new development. [~~The term~~] "Impact fee"  
16 includes amortized charges, lump-sum charges, capital recovery  
17 fees, contributions in aid of construction, development fees  
18 and any other fee that functions as described by this  
19 definition. [~~The term~~] "Impact fee" does not include hook-up  
20 fees, dedication of rights of way or easements or construction  
21 or dedication of on-site water distribution, wastewater  
22 collection or drainage facilities or streets, sidewalks or  
23 curbs if the dedication or construction is required by a  
24 previously adopted valid ordinance or regulation and is  
25 necessitated by and attributable to the new development;

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1           J. "land use assumptions" includes a description of  
2 the service area and projections of changes in land uses,  
3 densities, intensities and population in the service area over  
4 at least a five-year period;

5           K. "municipality" means any incorporated city, town  
6 or village, whether incorporated under general act, special act  
7 or special charter, and H class counties, including any home  
8 rule municipality or H class county chartered under the  
9 provisions of Article 10, Section 6 of the constitution of New  
10 Mexico;

11           L. "new development" means the subdivision of land;  
12 reconstruction, redevelopment, conversion, structural  
13 alteration, relocation or enlargement of any structure; or any  
14 use or extension of the use of land; any of which increases the  
15 number of service units;

16           M. "qualified professional" means a professional  
17 engineer, surveyor, financial analyst or planner providing  
18 services within the scope of [~~his~~] the professional's license,  
19 education or experience;

20           N. "roadway facilities" means arterial or collector  
21 streets or roads that have been designated on an officially  
22 adopted roadway plan of the municipality or county, including  
23 bridges, bike and pedestrian trails, bus bays, rights of way,  
24 traffic signals, landscaping and any local components of state  
25 or federal highways;

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O. "service area" means the area within the corporate boundaries or extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality or the boundaries of a county to be served by the capital improvements or facility expansions specified in the capital improvements plan designated on the basis of sound planning and engineering standards; and

P. "service unit" means a standardized measure of consumption, use, generation or discharge attributable to an individual unit of development calculated in accordance with generally accepted engineering or planning standards for a particular category of capital improvements or facility expansions."

**SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2011.