



Developer Fee FAQs

1. What are school Developer Fees?

- Effective January 1, 1987, Assembly Bill 2926, Section 17620 in the California Government Code, authorized school districts to levy school developer fees on new, remodels and additions for residential and commercial/industrial development projects.
- The legislation provides that no Building Permit may be issued until the school districts certify that any fees due have been paid.
- School Developer Fees are a one-time fee that are not associated with and will not be added to your property taxes.

2. How much are the District's current Developer Fees?

SCHEDULE OF APPLICABLE SCHOOL FEES WITHIN MOORPARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (as of August 15, 2022)

Residential Type	Fee per Square Foot ^[1]
Single Family Detached (SFD)	\$4.79
Multi-Family Attached (MFA)	\$4.79
Senior Housing	\$0.78
<i>[1] per square foot of assessable space for new residential construction within the District (Level 1 Fees).</i>	

CID Land Use Category	Fee per Square Foot ^[2]
Retail and Services	\$0.754
Office	\$0.78
Research and Development	\$0.78
Industrial/Warehouse/Manufacturing	\$0.78
Hospital	\$0.78
Hotel/Motel	\$0.382
Self-Storage	\$0.022
<i>[2] per square foot of chargeable covered and enclosed space within the School District.</i>	

3. What is assessed?

All new residential, commercial and industrial construction and/or an addition of covered or enclosed space are subject to the collection of developer fees. In the law, this fee is determined by square footage of assessable space.

4. What is assessable space?

Assessable space is used to determine the fees due. All square footage within the perimeter of a residential structure not including carport, walkways, garage, overhang or patio, including enclosed patio, detached accessory structure, or similar enclosed area.

5. When must the fees be paid?

Prior to the issuance of a building permit by the city fees must be paid and a "Certification of Compliance" will be issued by the school district.

6. Where are the fees paid?

Developer fees are paid in person at the place of collection, to the agent of the school district. The only acceptable payment method is by check.

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Please schedule an appointment:

Business Services Department at (805) 378-6300 or jherrera@mrpk.org
Office hours: Monday - Friday (8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) – except on District holidays

Checks are made payable to:
Moorpark Unified School District

7. What building projects are exempt from the fees?

Residential projects with less than 500 square footage of additional assessable area are exempt. Additionally, fees are provided for by Government Code on certain structures, including structures that are tax exempt and used exclusively for religious purposes, private full-time day schools as described in Education Code Sections 48222, and structures owned and occupied by a governmental agency. If you are replacing a structure destroyed by a disaster, you may be exempt from fees. For further information on exemptions, demolition credits, senior housing reduced fee, and refunds, contact the District.

8. Can I appeal or dispute the obligation to pay Developer Fees?

MUSD Board policy has outlined an appeal process for protests. Developers of residential, commercial and industrial projects who claim that the developer fee has been inappropriately levied shall use the following procedures: (Government Code 66020)

1. The developer shall tender any required payment in full or provide satisfactory evidence of arrangements to pay the fee when due or ensure performance of the conditions necessary to meet the requirements of the imposition.
2. The developer shall serve written notice to the Board. This notice shall include:

- a. A statement that the required payment is tendered or will be tendered when due, or that any conditions which have been imposed are provided for or satisfied, under protest
 - b. A statement informing the Board of the factual elements of the dispute and the legal theory forming the basis for the protest
3. The protest shall be filed at the time of approval or conditional approval of the development or within 90 days after the date of the imposition of the fees.

9. What If construction is not started? Are there refunds?

A refund of the entire amount paid (excluding a \$50 refund processing fee) will be issued if construction does not begin, or the project is suspended or abandoned. An authorized written notice declaring that the building permit has been canceled must be delivered or sent to the Moorpark Unified School District. Refunds will be processed 30 days after receipt of notification, and will only be issued to person(s) or entities listed on the original check.

Education Code § 17624 authorizes refunds; however, per Civil Code § 338(a), the statute of limitations for a refund is three (3) years from the date that a refund becomes available. A refund becomes available once the building permit that Developer Fees were paid on expires.