

Developer Fees–FAQs

Why do I have to pay developer fees?

Collection of school developer fees is authorized pursuant to Government Code section 65995 and California Education Code section 17620. These codes allow school districts to levy fees on residential or commercial/industrial construction projects within a school district's boundaries to help with the upkeep of schools based on the impacts of new development within the district's boundaries. The State Allocation Board (SAB) sets the per-square-foot Level I school impact fees (a.k.a. "developer fees") every two years at its January meeting in even number years (i.e., 2018, 2020).

I don't have any children/my children are grown. Do I still have to pay?

Yes. Payment of school developer fees is required before the City or County issues the building permit.

Who determines the square footage of the property?

The City or County will review your plans and determine the square footage. If your project changes, please go back to the City or County to get a revised form. We are unable to change the square footage listed on your forms from the City or County. If you do not believe the square footage listed on the form they provided you is accurate, please contact the City or County directly.

Is Affordable Senior Housing except from paying any fees?

No, New developments for senior housing are typically assessed commercial/industrial rates. But the development must be one that is exclusively for senior citizens.

How much will I have to pay?

Fee amounts are listed below if you want to get a general estimate fees based on the square footage. However, please note that you are required to get a quote in advance from our office.

- Additions to existing residences under 500 square feet – No Fee
- Mini Storage Fee - \$0.04 per square foot
- Additions to existing residences 500 sq. ft. and above - \$4.79 per square foot (on the entire additional square footage)*
- New Residential & ADU Construction (any sq. ft.) - \$4.79 per square foot*
- Commercial / Industrial / Exclusive Senior Housing - \$0.78 per square foot*

What forms of payment does the District accept?

We accept these forms of payment: cashier's check, personal check, and/or money orders. We do not accept cash or credit cards.