

## **Basalt & Rural Fire Protection District**

"Protecting Our Community Since 1970"

## Information Concerning Collection of Impact Fees

The Basalt and Rural Fire Protection District implanted the collection of Impact Fees beginning in 2006. The Basalt Fire District has and continues to experience high rates of population growth, increased population density and increased demand for emergency services due to new construction. The District provides emergency services immediately during construction and upon occupancy even though the funding of tax revenues from this construction accrues well after the demand for these services.

Impact Fees are "single payments required to be made by builders, owners or developers at the time of building permit and calculated to be proportionate share of the capital cost of providing major facilities and equipment."

The premise on which impact fees are based is the new development should pay the cost of providing for emergency services necessary to accommodate growth. The fire district completed its first study of rational nexus in 2002 and a second study in 2008. These studies determined the amount necessary to provide for the future infrastructure needs for emergency services within the district.

The impact fee charged is intended for new construction, impact fees are not assessed for remodels unless new dwelling units are added or commercial space is expanded.

Shortly after an application for building permit is submitted, the person or owner placing the permit should contact the Fire District concerning payment.

Additional information can be obtained from the Fire District by simply calling or writing to

Chief Scott Thompson 1089 JW Drive Carbondale, CO 81623 970-704-0675

Any person or entity may prior to payment of the impact fee, submit evidence in writing and request a hearing held before the Board of Directors of the District at its next scheduled board meeting that indicates that the impact fee is not applicable to the particular land development activity.