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I am writing to you as the owner of RSJ Construction a small company that builds new homes. I have recently purchased 5 lots in the buckingham estates subdivision and will be building new homes there.

I am concerned that with tripling the development fees for new homes you will be further depressing an already slow market. People are struggling to afford new homes and you will be adding 13000 to the price of a new home. I know that raising taxes for current residents to pay for development isn't fair either but if the proposed fees are passed and it slows development further you will still need to raise taxes. Improvements to the water tower and sewage treatment will be needed to be done at some point regardless of development.

I have talked to other builders currently in Exeter about investing further in the community and the common consensus is to not invest further. Everyone feels that the new development fees will severely slow the market further.

I feel that the municipality should be incentivizing new homes so current development is sold faster to bring in more tax dollars. The development fee increase could be implemented for any new development after what is currently being done so developers and builders are in the know of costs before they decide to develop or build.

I feel there is a better way to deal with the increase than what is currently planned. I have enjoyed building homes in Exeter and hope to continue but I feel that development will be stalled for a period of time because of these proposed hikes.

Thanks

Rob Jarmuth