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**The City of Mount Vernon reduces and defers impact fees.**

MOUNT VERNON – Earlier this month, the Mount Vernon City Council approved an ordinance that extended a fifty percent (50%) reduction in City impact fees for new construction of single-family and duplex residential units.

Following is a table that identifies the existing and reduced impact fees:

<b>Impact Fee Type :</b>	<b>Existing Impact Fee:</b>	<b>Reduced Impact Fee:</b>
Traffic Impact Fee for Single-Family and Duplex Units	\$6,188.00	\$3,094.00
Park Impact Fee for Single-Family and Duplex Units	\$855.00	\$427.50
Fire Impact Fee for Single-Family and Duplex Units	\$152.00	\$76.00

To help stimulate residential building activity, in 2010 Mayor Bud Norris requested, and the City Council approved, a temporary reduction and deferral of impact fees in an effort to increase residential building permit activity within the City. The optional deferral of impact fees allows these fees to be paid when a home sells versus when a building permit is issued.

This latest reduction and deferral of impact fees will be in effect for the next year.

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