

## RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 05-130

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida provides services to its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida is authorized by ordinance and statute to charge for such services; and

**WHEREAS**, it is more equitable that the person, group, or entity utilizing such services should bear the cost of such services that the County provides;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida, in open session duly assembled that:

1. The Board hereby adopts the amended and new fees set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.
2. This Resolution shall take effect on July 13, 2005.

# EXHIBIT "A"

## SCHEDULE OF AMENDED FEES

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Staff Recommended Fee</u>
<b>EMS</b>			
Basic Life Support	per pickup	320.00	500.00
Advanced Life Support	per pickup	360.00	500.00
<b>Revenue Impact General Fund</b>			<b>\$1,164,578.00</b>

### Land Development

Inspection Service Fees for Non-residential Construction Inspections: Collected after completion of construction plans review and at issuance of approved development approval

Structure up to 5,000 square feet	per structure	-	200.00
Structure greater than 5,000 square feet but less than 30,001 square feet	per structure	-	400.00
Structure greater than 30,000 square feet	per structure	-	800.00
Mobile Home/RV Park/Condo/Apartment	Base Fee	-	1,250.00
	Plus per MH Lot / RV Site	-	30.00
	Plus per Condo/Apartment structure	-	30.00
<b>Revenue Impact General Fund</b>			<b>\$51,600.00</b>

Vacation of Subdivision Plat. Collected at time of request.

Vacation of Subdivision Plat; Excluding advertisement cost	per plat	-	500.00
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Modification/Re-review of Approved Construction Plans for Non-Residential Development. Collected at time of application for modification/re-review.

Modification/Re-review of Approved Construction Plans for Non-Residential Development.	per application	-	200.00
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Permit Application due to LDC Code violation. Collected at time of permit application.

Level 1 or 2 permit application due to violation.	per Level 1 or 2 application	-	double the appropriate regular fee.
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Level 2 Pre-construction Plans Review for a Mobile Home / Recreational Vehicle Park or Condominium Development. Collected at time of application.

Level 2 construction plans review for a mobile home / recreational vehicle park.	Base Fee	-	850.00
	Plus per MH Lot/RV Unit	-	25.00
condominium development.	Plus per condo structure	-	25.00

<b>Revenue Impact General Fund</b>			<b>\$11,400.00</b>
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<b>Total Revenue Impact General Fund</b>			<b>\$1,227,578.00</b>
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**POLK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA REQUEST**

**DATE:** July 13, 2005  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
Michael Herr, County Manager  
**THRU:** Fran McAskill, Director of Financial and Strategic Planning  
**FROM:** Kevin Fish, Budget and Management Services Division Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Staff's Recommended Fee Changes/Additions

**STATEMENT OF ISSUE:**

Request Board adopt a resolution amending fee schedule.

**ANALYSIS:**

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ambulance fees have been unchanged since June 5, 2002. The current fee is \$360.00 for Advanced Life Support (ALS) services and \$320.00 for Basic Life Support (BLS). A total of 66% of the EMS pick-ups are Medicare or Medicaid related. The amount Medicare or Medicaid will pay for these runs is pre-determined and cannot be changed locally. The remaining 34% of runs are paid either by an insurance company, the patient, or not paid. A survey of forty-six Florida cities and counties reveals that the pick-up fees for ALS and BLS in twenty-nine of these cities and counties exceed the fee currently charged by Polk County EMS. An analysis of the FY 2003-2004 Polk County ambulance fees indicates that an increase of the fees to \$500.00 per run would generate approximately \$1,164,578.00 in additional revenue. EMS has recommended that the pick-up fees for Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) be increased to \$500.00 as shown in Exhibit "A."

Land Development Division recommends the Board adopt new fees as shown in Exhibit "A." On June 13, 2000, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a schedule of user fees related to services in accordance with Ordinance No. 00-09, as amended, the Polk County Land Development Code. The Land Development Division provides the following services that do not currently have associated user fees:

1. A fee for non-residential development construction inspections including mobile home / recreational vehicle park or condominium construction.

**EXHIBIT AA**

2. A fee for processing a request for vacation of a subdivision plat.
3. A fee under Level 2 for modification to an approved construction plans for a residential or non-residential development.
4. A provision that the Level 1 and Level 2 permit application fee shall be doubled when an application is generated due to a Land Development Code violation,
5. A fee under Level 2 for review of pre-construction plans for a mobile home / recreational vehicle park or condominium development.

Adoption of the new Land Development user fees will generate an estimated \$63,000.00, which will offset the cost of providing the services including the inspection service for non-residential development. The "Permitting Process Improvement Report," by Dr. Lois Jordan, Transformation Technologies, Inc., recommended that the County Engineer be included as a sign-off on certificates of occupancy (C.O.) for a non-residential building permit. In order to provide an excellent customer service in inspecting and releasing a certificate of occupancy for a non-residential building permit with associated site development construction, a Construction and Testing Inspector position is being requested through the budget process.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Request Board approve staff's recommended fee changes and additions and adopt resolution amending the County's fee schedule.

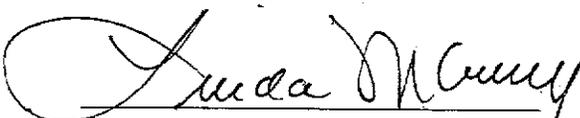
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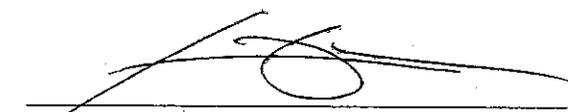
The proposed changes to the current fee structure will increase revenues by an estimated \$1,227,578.00.

Reviewed by:

  
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County Manager

  
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Financial and Strategic Planning Department  
Director

  
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County Attorney

  
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Budget and Management Services Manager