

December 22, 2025

Subject: 2026 Update for Development Impact Fee for Flood Protection and Storm Water Drainage

This letter is to inform Zone 7's development community that the Flood Protection and Storm Water Drainage Development Impact Fee (DIF) for 2026 will remain at \$1.00 per square foot of new impervious area.

Revised Development Impact Fee Impervious Surface Worksheet

Please utilize the revised *Development Impact Fee Impervious Surface Worksheet* (attached), which is also available in PDF format on Zone 7's website www.zone7waterca.gov under **For Businesses > Permits & Fees**.

In compliance with Senate Bill 543, the *Development Impact Fee Impervious Surface Worksheet* reflects revised collection thresholds for Accessory Dwelling Units:

- **Standard ADUs:** Impact Fees only apply to ADUs with livable square-footage exceeding 750 square feet
- **Junior ADUs (JADUs):** Impact Fees only apply to JADUs with livable square-footage exceeding 500 square feet.

Submission Requirements

Prior to approval of any final map and/or issuance of any building (or use) permit, the collecting City/County agency shall require developers (or property owners) to submit:

1. A completed *Development Impact Fee Impervious Surface Worksheet*, and
2. Plot plan for each individual building lot (or Parcel) requiring a building (or use) permit and any Parcel/Tract proposing streets, sidewalks, or other non-building impervious areas in its development.

Note: All impervious square-footage of the parcel should be reported, regardless of whether an impact fee is triggered. The worksheet is to be filled out in its entirety, for Zone 7 and the Cities'/County's use and record. City/County collecting agents shall complete the "For Office Use Only" section on Page 2 of the worksheet, acknowledging collection of the fees, and return the completed worksheets to Zone 7 for their use and record of the fee collection.

Coming Soon: Online Submissions

Zone 7 is transitioning the DIF process to allow for online submissions through Zone 7's website. Scheduled to launch sometime later in the first quarter of 2026, the new system will allow applicants to complete the *Development Impact Fee Impervious*



Surface Worksheet online and upload all supporting documents through the website. Approved applications will be assigned a unique DIF tracking number and sent back to the applicant for final submission to the appropriate City/County Agency. Zone 7 plans to meet with the Cities/County prior to implementation to go over the proposed process.

Should you have any questions concerning the Development Impact Fee update or collection process please contact me at (925) 454-5075 or email at jtang@zone7water.com, and I will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JT".

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Attachment

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