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Mr. Glenn Irby City Manager Edgewater, Florida 104 N. Riverside Drive, Edgewater, FL 32132

George Recktenwald County Manager Volusia County, Florida 123 W. Indiana Ave., DeLand, Florida 32720

RE: House Bill 479 - Alternative Mobility Funding Systems

Mr. Glenn Irby,

Governor DeSantis signed House Bill 479, Alternative Mobility Funding Systems and Impact Fees, on June 25. The new law takes effect on October 1. 2024. The bill provides that if a county and/or a municipality charge developers of a new development or redevelopment a fee for transportation capacity impacts, the county and/or municipality must, by October 1, 2025:

- (1) Create and execute an interlocal agreement to coordinate the mitigation of transportation capacity impacts
- (2) Establish a process to collect and distribute the collected revenue

The bill does not eliminate county transportation impact fees; however, it does encourage coordination between counties and municipalities regarding transportation impacts. If there is no interlocal agreement, the developer receives a ten percent reduction in the impact fees and proportionate fare share agreements. In addition, the entity that issues the building permit must collect the transportation impact fees and distribute the proceeds to the relevant county or municipality within 60 days of payment receipt. The above requirements do not apply to counties or municipalities that enter into an interlocal agreement by October 1, 2024.

Volusia County's thoroughfare road impact fees are only based on County roads and State arterial roads within an impact fee zone. Transportation concurrency contributions and proportionate fair share agreements for developments within municipalities still generate thoroughfare road impact fee credits for qualifying contributions. The attached interlocal agreement secures the status quo existing system that exists between Volusia County and most of the municipalities regarding the calculation and collection of county-wide thoroughfare road impact fees. It also confirms that the preferred option for developers to pay impact fees is directly to the County, rather than being collected by a municipality and remitted to the County.

We strongly encourage each municipality to consider adopting the interlocal agreement in order to comply with House Bill 479 and secure local control over the transportation capacity impact fee collection process within our community. Please feel free to contact me at 386.736.5920 or greektenwald@volusia.org if you have any questions.

Thank you,

George Recktenwald County Manager

Volusia County, Florida

cc: Mr. Aaron Wolfe