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Oakboro Rescinds Part of Zoning Law

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May 6--Oakboro Town Council voted Monday to rescind a portion of the town's zoning ordinance.

The portion of the ordinance in question, or Article 1 entitled Adequate Public Facilities (APF) Standards, requires builders and developers who build new homes within town limits to pay a fee.

That fee is then used by the school system to improve school buildings.

"I think this ordinance is important for our community and we should include it, but I believe it is equally important for each community to participate. I want to stress to the County that they try to get each town on board," said Councilwoman Georgia Harvey.

Oakboro began considering removing this article as not all municipalities have made the same requirement for builders and developers to pay into the Adequate Public Facilities, but after delaying making a decision in April, the Council decided unanimously that the article would be removed from the Zoning Ordinance until a time when all municipalities within the county decide to participate.

The council also voted to pay \$.50 per customer that is tapped into the wastewater line that extends into Locust and Stanfield following a recommendation made by the West Stanly Sewer Authority.

The West Stanly Sewer Authority is a partnership between Locust and Stanfield that is responsible for maintaining the line.

The \$.50 per customer will be set aside for maintenance, and will be paid by each town with customers on the line.

For Oakboro, who has 15 customers tapped into the line, the cost will be \$7.50 a month, which will be effective as of July 1.

Also during the meeting:

--The Council voted to accept a resolution in support of the Carolina Thread Trail, which will consist of interlocking trails stretching across several counties.

--Chris Lambert, executive director of the Stanly County Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB), thanked the Council for the support it gives the CVB.

--There will be three dates in May designated as town clean up days. The first, which will be for leaves and limbs, is May 16; the second for furniture is May 23; and the third, which is for metal and appliances, is May 30.

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