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PRESS RELEASE

Brian Head Suspends Commercial Impact Fees, Reduces Residential Fees

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The Brian Head Town Council passed a resolution on September 13 suspending impact fees for commercial development and reducing impact fees on residential development by 55% for the foreseeable future. The Council also committed to waive impact fees for residents who extend Town water lines at their own expense. The decision was made with a view of attracting development to the Southern Utah ski resort town, which also serves as a gateway to Cedar Breaks National Monument and the national parks.

The fee reduction was supported by several residents, builders, and local businesses who provided verbal and written public comment. Several residents who currently haul water to a personal tank on their property told the Council that they were avoiding hooking into the Town's water system in large part due to the additional cost of impact fees.

Bret Howser, Brian Head Town Manager, believes this is a positive step for the Town. "Brian Head hopes to attract a resort-complementary restaurant/retail development in our village core. This move by the Town Council is like a giant 'Welcome' sign for commercial developers. Come make our Town better – we want to help you be successful."

Prior to Tuesday, the Town's impact fee per unit was over \$14,000. After the Council's action, the fee is reduced to \$150 per unit for commercial development and about \$6,500 per unit for residential and other development. Town staff notes that the new residential fee is more in line with other municipalities in Iron County.

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