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Policy: Regulatory Fees

Local governments, seeking alternative public funding sources, have developed certain taxes and fees for developments. Since impact fees cannot be used to upgrade existing system facilities, governments avoid using them and instead increase permit and inspection fees for residential development.

The Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association believes regulatory fees should be commensurate with the service provided within the department where the fee was collected. When permit and inspection fees are increased, the level of service should increase commensurate to the fees paid. Georgia law prohibits local government from using regulatory fees for general revenue purposes. Georgia courts have consistently up held that “a[n] assessment levied in excess of the benefit provided arbitrarily deprives a person of his property.”