

A follow-up to questions raised at the March 28<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting regarding Elk Rivers Park Dedication fees particularly for the Old Saxon Ford Site along the River that Pat Briggs developed. Staff confirmed that there was not a reduction in Park Dedication fees and the Economic Development Specialist, and their Economic Development Director could not recall a time where they have reduced the Park Dedication Fees. The only time there was any sort of change was when they accepted Land in lieu of cash payment, and this was not done for this project. However, in addition, this project did also receive TIF. Before our project started, Staff had discussed Park Dedication fees with the City of Elk River to look at their process for comparison and this was how they break them down:

Residential

- Low Density (<4 DU/acre) \$1,425.93/dwelling unit
- Medium Density (4 to <7 DU/acre) \$1,075.79/dwelling unit
- High Density (>7 DU/acre) \$4,897.04/dwelling unit

*The park dedication fee for high-density residential projects shall be capped at \$500,000.*

Commercial

8% of county assessed value of property

Industrial

6% of county assessed value of property

Mr. Briggs made a statement that the City of Elk River breaks down their residential categories, which they do but, in this case, or with the Saxon property it would not matter as they would both fall under High Density. They did add a cap to the high-density residential projects and that could in theory reduce the dollar amount, but only in that instance. Staff also want to note that just recently Elk River raised their Park Dedication Fees to the below:

Residential

- Low Density (<4 DU/acre) \$3,065.73/dwelling unit
  - Medium Density (4 to < 7 DU/acre) \$4,207.25/dwelling unit
  - High Density (>7 DU/acre) \$5,945.38/dwelling unit
- The park dedication fee for high-density residential projects shall be capped at \$500,000.

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Industrial - 6% of county assessed value of property.