

## **Explanation of Impact Fees**

[Impact fees](#) are one-time charges to developers of new projects which help defray the costs of expanding public service facilities to accommodate new growth. Impact fees are a tool that local governments can use to supplement existing revenues, such as property taxes and local option sales tax dollars, in order to complete infrastructure improvements before new growth puts excessive strain on the existing system. By doing so, cities can protect and maintain the quality of life in the community without placing the financial burden on existing residents for network improvements to accommodate new growth.

[Impact fees](#) can only be collected for a specified list of public facilities and services. For a list of public facilities and services which can be funded by impact fees you can review the [Georgia Development Impact Fee Act \(GDIFA\) Overview of Requirements](#).

The City of Gainesville currently collects impact fees for Police, Fire, and Parks and Recreation.