



# Conversation with Council Progress Report as of October 10th, 2024

**Meeting Date: September 19th, 2024**

## **What can Impact Fees be used for?**

In short, Impact fees are used to recover the financial impact of new development and help pay for growth related infrastructure. They cannot be used for operations, maintenance or replacement. In Clemson, impact fees are used to support Parks and Recreation, Police, Fire, sanitation, Water and Wastewater.

## **What is the policy for what is allowed to be posted on the digital sign and the website?**

For the city to promote any event, it must be considered a “qualifying community event” which is defined as any cultural, civic, charitable, educational, or recreational event taking place in the City of Clemson that is beneficial to all residents of the overall community and/or that will provide economic benefit or encourage tourism in the area. The requesting organization must be a nonprofit and events must be free and open to the general public and/or all proceeds must be donated to a nonprofit.

For the digital sign, the non-profit must be approved by a vote of City Council.

The City currently does not promote events on the website that are not City events. We are currently undergoing a redevelopment of the website, to include exploring the options of including a community events calendar, which would need a policy as well.

The City website does provide resources and information on organizations that may be helpful for residents (for example, museums, annual festivals and events, military and veteran support, senior support, and advocacy groups). Requests to be included on these resource lists are evaluated to determine if the organization’s goals and actions are beneficial to the community.

## **What was the Bilo proposal at Council?**

The proposal outline is attached for review.

## **When Council members are asked questions during public session of a meeting, why do they not respond right then?**

Council members may refrain from responding during public session for several reasons:

1. Public comment periods are typically designed for citizens to voice their opinions or concerns without immediate interaction from council members. This helps maintain order and allows everyone a chance to speak.
2. Preparation and deliberation - Council members may prefer to take time to consider comments before responding. This allows them time to research issues or gather more information before providing a thoughtful reply.
3. Legal Considerations - In some cases, there may be pending litigation that prevents them from speaking about a certain topic or issue.
4. Creating a welcoming environment - By not responding immediately, Council can create a space where constituents feel free to express their views without rebuttal or disagreement. This can foster a more open dialogue in the future.

## **Can the speed sign on Issaqueena Tr. be turned to face traffic coming FROM Pendleton Rd.?**

We will leave the existing sign in place and install another one on the other side of the street.



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## **What is the latest on the request for 20mph in neighborhoods?**

Staff is still working on the policy.

## **Can neighborhood passes be issued to residents in the neighborhoods behind Esso to allow them to turn onto Oak/ Pine/ Hillcrest after Clemson games in order to go home?**

Unfortunately, no. This is a very complex situation involving multiple entities. The intersection of Oak and Old Greenville Hwy is controlled by the University and the Highway Patrol, not the City. Residents can exit and enter their neighborhood from Edgewood Ave.

## **Is it possible to get a turn lane on Issaqueena @Pendleton Rd?**

Both of these roads are State Highways and SCDOT would have to approve this request. We can pass the request along during our quarterly meetings.

## **Can we get an ALL STOP for pedestrian crossing at 123 and 133 (Starbucks/ Walgreens/ Verizon/ Chamber)?**

This intersection is controlled by SCDOT. This request has been made multiple times. Their standard response is that adding an all stop to this light would greatly compound the traffic flow, cause extended congestion, and result in longer wait times

## **What is the difference between workforce and affordable housing?**

In essence, the main difference lies in the income levels of the target population and the specific goals of each type of housing. Workforce housing addresses the needs of moderate-income earners, typically described as those who earn between 80% and 120% of the area's median income. Affordable housing focuses on individuals with lower incomes that earn 60% or less than the area's median income. Workforce housing falls between affordable and market rate housing. These individuals may not qualify for low income housing programs but still struggle to obtain market rate housing.

## **Can we install lane dividers (like those at the neighborhood market) on Frontage in the curve of the road?**

We will bring this up as a possibility during our next SCDOT quarterly meeting. SCDOT owns and maintains frontage road and would control the ability to install lane delineators. The delineators on Berkeley Dr. were installed to prevent cars from turning left from that right-in/right-out driveway.

## **What is the paving schedule for Berkley Drive?**

Berkeley Dr. is owned and maintained by SCDOT. The project will be in the SCDOT 2025 pavement improvement program. The project does not have a schedule yet as a contractor has not been awarded. Any updates can be found [here](#).

## **Who maintains the sidewalks on Berkley Drive and what is the repair schedule?**

Most of the Sidewalks along Berkeley Dr. are owned and maintained by SCDOT. Sidewalks are repaired based off of a call. The maintenance office can be reached at 864-859-0039



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## **Can we put poop stations on the Dikes?**

The Dikes are owned by the US Army Core of Engineers and maintained by Clemson University.

## **Who is in charge of cutting the grass along the sidewalks? Do they edge? Should someone from the neighborhoods be doing this or the residents adjacent to the sidewalk? (This is specifically in reference to Monaco Estates.)**

Urban Land Management and Public Works currently maintain the turf and landscaping on specified sidewalks around town. Most of these are on Tiger Blvd, College Ave. and Hwy 93. We try to focus our edging efforts on the sidewalk from the Hwy 76 interchange to the Hartwell Bridge. We do not currently mow or maintain common areas in Monaco Estates.

## **Why don't we base the business license fee on the number of employees instead of revenue?**

The State Business License Tax law mandates this. The law requires the fee to be on Gross Income and provides a definition to explain exactly what that is

## **Why do we include revenue made outside of the city limits when calculating in town business' business license amount?**

The SC Business License Tax law mandates this and it is spelled out in the definition of gross Income I have included the excerpt that explains that below. It also explains that 'In town' businesses that pay license tax on income in other Cities, Towns, or Counties are allowed to deduct that income from the amount reported to Clemson with the proof of license to the other jurisdictions for the gross amount deducted.

SECTION 6-1-400. Business license tax standardization; computation of business license tax.  
(E)(1) For the purposes of this article:

(a) "Gross income" means the gross receipts or gross revenue of a business, received or accrued, for one calendar or fiscal year collected or to be collected from business done within a taxing jurisdiction. For taxing jurisdictions in which the person or business has a domicile, business done within that taxing jurisdiction shall include all gross receipts or revenue received or accrued by such person or business, excepting income earned outside of the taxing jurisdiction on which a license tax is paid by the person or business to some other taxing jurisdiction and fully reported to the taxing jurisdiction. For taxing jurisdictions in which the person or business does not have a domicile, business done within that taxing jurisdiction shall include only gross receipts or revenue received or accrued within such taxing jurisdiction. In all cases, if the taxpayer pays a business license tax to another county or municipality, then the taxpayer's gross income for the purpose of computing the tax within the taxing jurisdiction must be reduced by the amount of gross income taxed in the other county or municipality.

## **Delivery trucks on College Ave are blocking the right turn lane at Edgewood.**

We will continue to monitor the situation and communicate with businesses receiving deliveries.