



## FAMILY EYE CARE OPTOMETRY

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To: Lemoore City Council  
From: Jeffrey Garcia, O.D.

Re: Impact fees

I know this is a "big nut to crack", but consider a movement to lower impact fees for new construction in Lemoore, particularly for small business, which is the backbone of the American economy. If our surrounding towns are doing this, we should follow suit, or lose even more opportunities in this down market. This is a critical time for new construction, while labor is cheap, interest rates are at an all time low, variation in impact fees will influence location for new projects.

Look at it this way. Dollars set for impact fees mean absolutely nothing to the City if there are few or no projects occurring to generate this income. I would rather see impact fees lowered and more construction occur than impact fees remain the same or God forbid "increased" and see nothing happen and generate ZERO dollars for the City.

This is a business decision that needs careful consideration. Those of us in the business community put on a "sale" to generate more interest and income not increase prices! The City needs to put on a "sale" for new commercial construction and generate some excitement and interest in building commercial property in Lemoore. We have so many locations that could benefit, particularly in Downtown, where there several empty lots and an opportunity for infill projects.

Reduce the impact fees, contact and educate Downtown lot landowners that the City is ready to facilitate new construction and that two story construction is NOT REQUIRED. I know that some key downtown property lot owners still believe that is required.

I realize this request sounds self serving, but until one is "involved" in the process, one doesn't know that a problem exists. Just like the Arch Rev Committee. I didn't realize that was such a barrier to development until I experienced it first hand!

**Not being proactive and reducing impact fees now would be very unfortunate for the City of Lemoore.**

**Let's not "Miss the Boat".**

Respectfully,

Jeff Garcia, O.D.