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8/18/2026 City Council Meeting

To: City Council

From: Elisa Rodriguez, Senior Planner

TOPIC: Periodic Update: MLMC amendments regarding draft language for Impact Fees and methodology for updating the Park Impact Fee.

Requested Action:

Provide feedback and guidance on potential amendments regarding impact fees to the Medical Lake Municipal Code (MLMC) and the proposed methodology for determining the Park Impact Fee.

Key Points:

It is proposed to delete MLMC Chapters 16.05 – Impact Fees, 16.06 – Fire Protection Impact Mitigation, and 16.07 – Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Mitigation. Chapter 16.09 – School Impact Mitigation will be retained until the Medical Lake School District is able to update the methodology.

It is proposed to add Chapter 19.190 – Impact Fees, to the MLMC. This chapter simplifies what is in the municipal code, leaving the majority of the information to be adopted as separate resolutions for methodology and fees. The draft language is attached.

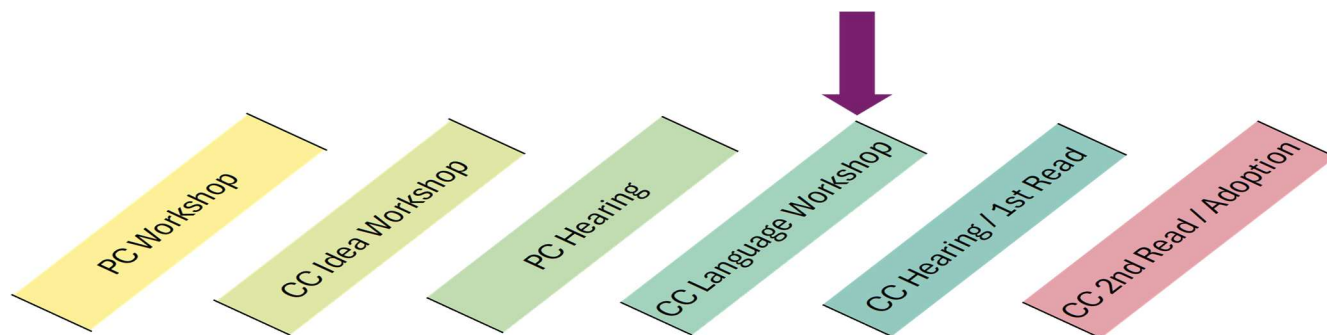
The Parks Impact Fee was last updated in 2011. The draft Comprehensive Plan that the City Council will be considering for adoption provides a new way to measure level of service for parks. This level of service combined with current zoning, population, and economic data has led to a proposed change to the Park Impact Fee. The Proposed Park Impact Fee Methodology Report is attached.

Background Discussion:

The State allows four categories of impact fees to be collected: Parks, Fire Protection, Schools, and Transportation. Impact fees are regulated by RCW 82.02.

The current Park Impact Fees are \$675 for multi-family units and \$1,210 for single-family units.

This workshop is the fourth step in a 6-meeting process for adopting amendments to the municipal code.



Public Involvement:

A public hearing was opened with the Planning Commission on July 23, 2026 and has been continued to the August 27, 2026 meeting. In addition, language is provided on the City website for review and comment by the public.

Next Steps:

A public hearing is scheduled for the October 6, 2026 City Council meeting.