

East Fallowfield Township
Chester County, Pennsylvania

Resolution 2008-05

WHEREAS, the phenomenal residential growth experienced by townships in the last 35 years has created formidable challenges for township governments and their current residents in meeting the demands of new residents for paved roads, sewage systems, police and fire protection, recreation, and many other services;

WHEREAS, studies have consistently shown that residential growth does not pay for itself in the generation of new local tax revenues. In most cases, the cost of new growth results in higher taxes to pay for services and facilities to serve a growing population;

WHEREAS, the current impact fee language in the Municipalities Planning Code imposes prohibitive costs on township residents for extensive studies required to justify the imposition of an impact fee;

WHEREAS, planners and other experts have been saying that infrastructure needs should not be an afterthought to new development and that needed improvements should precede new development;

WHEREAS, municipalities must be allowed to require new development to concur with its timetable for infrastructure improvements in accordance with its financial capabilities or developers must be willing to help finance these improvements, off-site as well as on-site, through direct contributions or impact fees;

WHEREAS, HB 397 would amend the MPC to allow municipalities to levy impact fees for police, recreation, and fire and emergency services while retaining and improving the current authority to levy transportation impact fees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE Board of Supervisors of East Fallowfield Township, Chester County supports House Bill 397 (PN 461) of the 2007-2008 session of the Pennsylvania General Assembly and urges to township's state representative and state senator to support this legislation.

Resolved this 25th day of March, 2008

Board of Supervisors

George Broadbent, Chairman

Chris Makely, Vice Chairman

Garth Monaghan, Member

Attest:

Denise Miller
Secretary