

July 20, 2017

SCHOOL IMPACT FEE REPEAL NOTICE

Dear Building Contractor/Homeowner:

The North Carolina Legislature repealed Orange County's ability to impose School Impact Fees originally authorized in 1987. This repeal became effective on June 20, 2017. Therefore, any School Impact Fees paid in advance of a Certificate of Completion (COC), also known as Certificate of Occupancy (CO), issued on or after June 20, 2017 will be subject to a refund. Any COC's issued on or before June 19, 2017 that have paid School Impact Fees will **not** be subject to a refund as the fee at the time was duly authorized.

The staffs of all jurisdictions that collect these fees have researched those permits that are due a refund. Notifications and refunds have been made over the last month. The refund will be made to the original payee.

If you paid the School Impact Fee and did not receive a COC until after June 20th or after and meet the established refund criteria please contact our office with your supporting information (i.e. permit number, address, PIN and School Impact Fee receipt, check number) a form is available upon request. If someone else paid (homeowner, bank) please alert them and us so that we may have the complete and correct information on each project.

If you have any refund questions please contact Elaina Cheek at 919-245-2585, echeek@orangecountync.gov or Meredith Kern at 919-245-2575, mkern@orangecountync.gov

Sincerely,



Craig N. Benedict, AICP, Orange County Planning & Inspections Director