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Position:

In opposition

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As I explained last week, I found the staff justification for this change (and the Council's incredibly brisk discussion) to be insufficient, and the additional information presented by staff in the last meeting has not been provided in the new Staff Report. Beyond my existing concerns about exacerbating the threat of premature demolition of structures, here are some additional questions that occurred to me in the interim that I hope can be discussed, to determine if this change would be prudent: Will ANY parcel in the City of Reno where another structure once stood be eligible for sewer connection fee credits, or only structures demolished since 2011? Could landowners of ANY vacant site qualify for a sewer connection fee credit if they can prove exactly what once stood on their site, no matter how long ago?

How much money would the sewer fund be projected to lose, solely from the elimination of these fees for the current project that's requesting credits, when compared with the full amount they would owe at current rates? City staff approximated that this policy could apply to 92 parcels. What would be the projected losses to City revenues were ALL sites where structural demolition occurred more than five years ago to apply their site's sewer connection fee credits rather than paying the full fee at today's rates? What if 50% of them did? What is the current status of the sewer fund? Do any types of projects currently qualify for sewer connection fee deferrals or waivers from the City of Reno, and if so, under what circumstances? This change could result in more land remaining vacant for longer periods of time. Wouldn't that inherently contradict the City's interest in potentially penalizing owners of longstanding vacant land? How would the City of Reno determine which vacant parcels warrant penalties, were they to adopt any?

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