Q. What are impact fees?
A. Impact fees are charges authorized by Chapter 82.02 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and imposed on new development activity that creates additional demand and need for public facilities. Kitsap County, in accordance with Kitsap County Code Title 4, Section 4.110, collects the impact fees for schools, roads and parks.

Q. What are deferred impact fees?
A. Deferred impact fees are impact fees charged to specific building permits where the fee is allowed to be “deferred” or “paid later” at a time when the project is complete, prior to requesting final building inspection.

Q. How do I get my impact fees “deferred?”
A. When submitting an application for a building permit, a request can be made to “defer” the impact fees. To do so, a “Deferred Impact Fee Acknowledgement” form (See reverse) must be completed and signed by the owner of the property, agreeing that the fees will be paid prior to requesting final building inspection. (This form may be submitted either upon application or just prior to permit issuance.)

Q. Can my Builder or Real Estate Agent sign the Deferred Impact Fee Acknowledgement?
A. No, only the legal owner of the property on which a building permit is issued for, can sign the Deferred Impact Fee Acknowledgement unless the “agent” has legal power of attorney specifically authorizing the person to act as an agent for the owner. A certified original of such document would need to be presented, and a copy submitted to DCD along with the Acknowledgement.

Q. When do deferred impact fees need to be paid?
A. Impact fees may be paid at any time prior to requesting a final building inspection. Once the impact fees are paid you can request a final building inspection. When the final building inspection is performed and approved, the Certificate of Occupancy will be placed on the building permit placard.

Q. Can I move in or use the building before I pay the impact fees?
A. No, the International Building Code, Section 110.1 (IRC R110.1) states in part: No building or structure shall be used or occupied until the building official has issued a Certificate of Occupancy. The Certificate of Occupancy will not be issued until all impact fees are paid and all SDAP and building inspections are approved.

Q. How do I ensure my permit does not expire?
A. Building permits, when issued, are good for 180 days. Permit expiration dates are then automatically extended by having inspections performed, resulting in an expiration date of 180 days from the last inspection. In other words, if an inspection is performed within every 180 days, a building permit will remain active until the building is complete.

Q. Will my deferred impact fee amounts change?
A. No, once a building permit application is received, the impact fees for that project are determined based on the impact fee amounts effective on that date, as determined by KCC Section 4.110 (which can be seen on our website www.kitsapgov.com) and will not change over the course of the permit. However, once the structure has been completed or the permit expired, then, if not paid within 30 days, interest and the costs of collection may be added to the total due.