

THE NORTHSIDE FIRE DISTRICT NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

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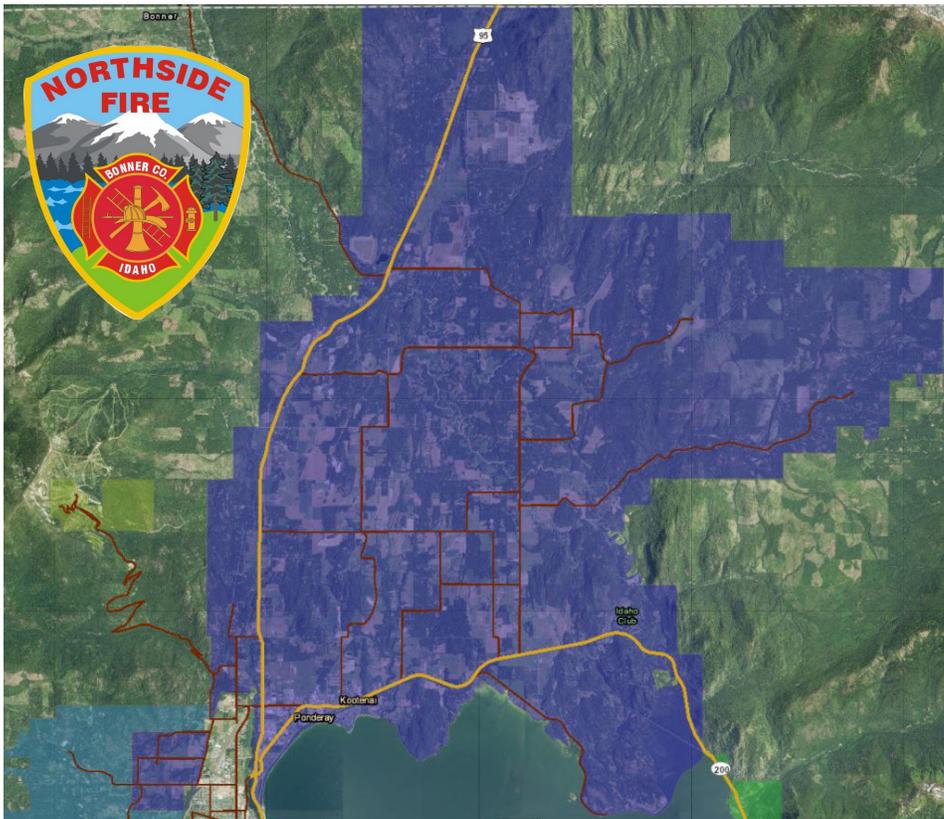
Do you support the adoption of an impact fee to pay for growth-related capital infrastructure?

The Northside Fire District anticipates 1,200 new homes and 1 million square feet of new non-residential construction in the next 10 years. Without additional resources response times are likely to increase for existing residents.

District Commissioners are evaluating ways to fund the stations and fire trucks necessary to meet this increase in demand without relying on existing taxpayers. One funding tool is the use of impact fees.

The District protects life and property from building fires, wildland fires, brush fires and other hazardous conditions.

60% of all calls for service are emergency medical responses for heart attacks, strokes, respiratory failure, trauma and vehicle accidents.



Impact fees are a one-time payment by new growth to cover a proportionate share of the stations, fire trucks and other equipment necessary to keep levels of service consistent as growth occurs. Impact fees are paid at the point of building permit for new construction only. Fees are not assessed for garages, sheds, or additions to existing structures.

Impact fees cannot be used to repair or replace existing capital, or to fund the Fire District's operations.

In accordance with Idaho law, the District has prepared a Capital Improvement Plan that outlines the capital investment required to serve new growth. These items include an expansion of Fire Station #1 to accommodate more firefighters, and the purchase of a ladder truck. You can read the Impact Fee Study and Capital Improvement Plan at northsidefire.org.

The total cost of the growth-related capital is \$1.4 million. To recover these costs the District is proposing collecting an impact fee of \$785 per residential unit and \$0.39 per non-residential square foot.

The City of Ponderay already collects impact fees for the Fire District. The fees would also need to be collected for the Fire District by the City of Kootenai and Bonner County as well in order to ensure that all new growth pays its share.



You can access an online survey at <https://forms.gle/aUJitJwyMspGeUA8A>

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