

From: [Sherwood, Nina](#)
To: [Rosenson, Valerie](#)
Cc: [Jacobson, Jonathan](#)
Subject: Fwd: Stamford Building Permit Fees
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 1:23:48 PM

Hello Valorie,

Please make the linked article and email conversation below available to the operations committee for tonight's discussion on building permit fees. Chair Jacobson has been informed.

Thank you!

Nina

Article: <https://m.newstimes.com/local/article/Boughton-Matrix-redevelopers-to-pay-student-13450197.php>

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Mark Boughton <mayorboughton@gmail.com>
Date: January 28, 2019 at 5:44:02 PM EST
To: "Sherwood, Nina" <NSherwood@stamfordct.gov>
Subject: Re: Stamford Building Permit Fees

Ms. Sherwood,

Thank you for your inquiry. The developer of the property known as the "Ridge" (Summit Dev.) did not balk at paying an additional fee. In fact, they were seeing the fee as a way to contribute to our school system on an annual basis - a part of their civic duty.

Not trying to stick my nose where it doesn't belong, but, an upward adjustment in fees from time to time has been a regular action of our City Council.

Best wishes and warm regards to my friends in Stamford.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Mark D. Boughton
Mayor

On Sat, Jan 26, 2019, 5:44 PM Sherwood, Nina <NSherwood@stamfordct.gov> wrote:

| Dear Mayor Boughton,

I am on the Stamford Board of Representatives and we are considering raising our commercial building permit fees from \$16.50 to \$25 per thousand of construction on all projects over \$1 million (the first million of construction would be charged at the current rate of \$16.50.) There are some members of the Stamford municipal government who feel that developers will either not build or move to another city if we raise the commercial rate to \$25 per thousand of construction.

I read with interest, the article in the News-Times, which discussed the sale of The Matrix Conference Center to a developer who wants to turn it into a mixed-use property, including 400 hundred new apartment units. The article spoke of your successfully negotiating a Student Impact Fee, which is an annual additional and separate fee over the property tax that the development would already be paying. At any point in the negotiation did the developer threaten to take their business to another city or just plain not build in Danbury because of the additional fee you were proposing?

Thank you for your time and I hope this email finds you well.

Sincerely,

Nina Sherwood
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