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**Q2** Please provide your comments about the proposed revisions to Chatham County's water system development fees, which are collected to help pay for system improvements related to new development. The proposed water fee revisions are the result of an updated study of Chatham County's water system and fee structures, as required by a new law passed by the NC General Assembly in 2017.

Fees should be tied directly to Return on Investment for the infrastructure. Sprawling infrastructure costs more to install and maintain than a concentration of dense development. Thus these fees should be used as a mechanism to discourage suburban sprawl and instead incentivize growth around preferred growth areas which have hopefully already identified in the land use section of the comprehensive plan. The extension of services is one of the best tools the County has to shape the kind of growth it desires. This should be guided by the comprehensive land use plan. New growth should pay for itself and operation and maintenance costs of existing infrastructure should not be dependent upon new growth to fund a sustainable utility enterprise. So, to my main point, you wouldn't want, as an unintended consequence, to discourage larger meter sizes (via higher fees) in areas where larger meter sizes are desirable to create greater densities. This is based on the fact that greater concentrations of infrastructure are far more efficient to provide and service than a sprawling system composed of lots of small single family home sized meters. Thanks for the opportunity to provide input.

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I read the report and nothing that has indicated whether it would impact home residents's cost of paying the water. How will that fee affect consumer seems not clear. In addition, how does existing water company such as Aqua be affected?

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NNP-Briar Chapel, LLC is the developer of the Briar Chapel mixed use compact community. As such, we are somewhat uniquely positioned in that we have occasion to encounter water availability and development fees in both the residential and commercial contexts.

We support the revised water system development fees recommended by the TischlerBise Study dated March 29, 2018 (the "Study"). However, our support assumes that the development fee proposed will be charged on a strictly per meter basis and not on a per residential unit basis. As stated in the Study, one of the legal requirements for a sustainable water development fee is that the fee "allocate[s] costs equitably to various types of development." The Study resolves that issue in much the same way many surrounding municipalities and Counties have done so; namely, by allocating escalating costs based on the size of water meter needed to serve the use (i.e., the larger the meter capacity needed, the higher the development fee).

This approach is equitable in that three completely different uses (i.e., an apartment complex, an industrial facility and a college campus building) might all have the need for an identically sized water meter. Each should pay the same for the meter and then, any differences in actual water usage will be equitably addressed by the separate usage fees. Assuming this is the approach that is followed (and that no per unit charge will be added), we would support the adoption of the Water System Development Fees proposed by the Study.

Regards,

Lee Bowman

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I see no need to decrease the fees; as stated in the summary, the county is growing fast and with the new system going in, it would be more fiscally responsible to have the fee money put towards any needed corrections or operating needs required by the new system once it goes online. Given the tariff changes made by the current administration, budget changes will be sure to occur due to increased cost of materials. And as a taxpayer, I don't want to have to pay extra for developments.

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