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**City Council Temporarily Suspends System Development Charges for Commercial and Industrial Development**

Last night the Springfield City Council suspended all city Systems Development Charges (SDCs) imposed on commercial and industrial development over 75,000 square feet and on development up to over 50,000 (with specific requirements) and reduced by 50-percent all SDCs on all other city development from today through December 31, 2012.

“The economy continues to struggle and Springfield wants to encourage new development and the jobs and opportunities that development can provide,” said Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg.

All SDCs by the City are now adjusted as follows:

1. For all commercial and industrial development which proposes new net useable space in excess of 75,000 square feet, creating new employment opportunities, such charges shall be reduced by 100 percent;
2. For all commercial and industrial development which proposes new net useable space in excess of 50,000 square feet to be occupied by an employer or employers who will commit to employ not less than 50 full time employees, within one year of occupancy, such charges shall be reduced by 100 percent; and
3. For all other development, such charges shall be reduced by 50 percent

**Background:**

System Development Charges (or SDCs) are charges imposed on development so that government may accumulate the capital needed to provide sufficient capacity in infrastructure systems to accommodate the development. The City of Springfield imposes systems development charges for transportation, sanitary sewer, and storm drainage infrastructure. Willamalane Park and Recreation District and the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission have separate SDC charges not covered here.