

Staff response to Development and Infrastructure Work Group member questions from the January 6, meeting.

- Do we compare ourselves to other metro counties – Planning and Development service levels and permitting requirements

Yes, but only for total number of building permits and total number of single family permits. Since 2006, we have benchmarked ourselves with this data against Cobb, Dekalb, Fulton, Rockdale, Hall, Forsyth and Walton.

Additionally, the Department benchmarks itself against Counties such as these when undertaking large initiatives like the recent fee increase or when making substantial changes to any of our regulations.

- Would all of the fees raised by Planning and Development flow to the outsource vendors, if it is outsourced?

This will be negotiated with the vendor(s) that are selected based on their initial percentage that they provide in their response to our RFP. While the amount could be 100% of the fee that is passed on to the vendor(s), we hope to enter into a contract(s) where some percentage is retained by the County.

- Need information about other counties who have outsourced Planning and Development

In our limited research, we have not found any jurisdictions that are comparable to Gwinnett in size and services provided that allow for complete outsourcing of Development related services. In Georgia, several cities utilize the services of companies, such as SafeBuilt, Inc., for their Building Plan Review and Building Inspection Services. Many jurisdictions, especially those not recognized by the State as a Local Issuing Authority for Erosion Control, outsource their Site Plan Review and Inspection Services usually to a local engineering firm, and these services are typically provided on an hourly basis agreement.

Thanks,

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