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11-36a-102 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1)
 - (a) "Affected entity" means each county, municipality, special district under Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities - Special Districts, special service district under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act, school district, interlocal cooperation entity established under Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, and specified public utility:
 - (i) whose services or facilities are likely to require expansion or significant modification because of the facilities proposed in the proposed impact fee facilities plan; or
 - (ii) that has filed with the local political subdivision or private entity a copy of the general or long-range plan of the county, municipality, special district, special service district, school district, interlocal cooperation entity, or specified public utility.
 - (b) "Affected entity" does not include the local political subdivision or private entity that is required under Section 11-36a-501 to provide notice.
- (2) "Charter school" includes:
 - (a) an operating charter school;
 - (b) an applicant for a charter school whose application has been approved by a charter school authorizer as provided in Title 53G, Chapter 5, Part 6, Charter School Credit Enhancement Program; and
 - (c) an entity that is working on behalf of a charter school or approved charter applicant to develop or construct a charter school building.
- (3) "Development activity" means any construction or expansion of a building, structure, or use, any change in use of a building or structure, or any changes in the use of land that creates additional demand and need for public facilities.
- (4) "Development approval" means:
 - (a) except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), any written authorization from a local political subdivision that authorizes the commencement of development activity;
 - (b) development activity, for a public entity that may develop without written authorization from a local political subdivision;
 - (c) a written authorization from a public water supplier, as defined in Section 73-1-4, or a private water company:
 - (i) to reserve or provide:
 - (A) a water right;
 - (B) a system capacity; or
 - (C) a distribution facility; or
 - (ii) to deliver for a development activity:
 - (A) culinary water; or
 - (B) irrigation water; or
 - (d) a written authorization from a sanitary sewer authority, as defined in Section 10-9a-103:
 - (i) to reserve or provide:
 - (A) sewer collection capacity; or
 - (B) treatment capacity; or
 - (ii) to provide sewer service for a development activity.
- (5) "Enactment" means:
 - (a) a municipal ordinance, for a municipality;
 - (b) a county ordinance, for a county; and
 - (c) a governing board resolution, for a special district, special service district, or private entity.

- (6) "Encumber" means:
 - (a) a pledge to retire a debt; or
 - (b) an allocation to a current purchase order or contract.
- (7) "Expense for overhead" means a cost that a local political subdivision or private entity:
 - (a) incurs in connection with:
 - (i) developing an impact fee facilities plan;
 - (ii) developing an impact fee analysis; or
 - (iii) imposing an impact fee, including any related overhead expenses; and
 - (b) calculates in accordance with a methodology that is consistent with generally accepted cost accounting practices.
- (8) "Hookup fee" means a fee for the installation and inspection of any pipe, line, meter, or appurtenance to connect to a gas, water, sewer, storm water, power, or other utility system of a municipality, county, special district, special service district, or private entity.
- (9)
 - (a) "Impact fee" means a payment of money imposed upon new development activity as a condition of development approval to mitigate the impact of the new development on public infrastructure.
 - (b) "Impact fee" does not mean a tax, a special assessment, a building permit fee, a hookup fee, a fee for project improvements, or other reasonable permit or application fee.
- (10) "Impact fee analysis" means the written analysis of each impact fee required by Section 11-36a-303.
- (11) "Impact fee facilities plan" means the plan required by Section 11-36a-301.
- (12) "Level of service" means the defined performance standard or unit of demand for each capital component of a public facility within a service area.
- (13)
 - (a) "Local political subdivision" means a county, a municipality, a special district under Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities - Special Districts, a special service district under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act, or the Point of the Mountain State Land Authority, created in Section 11-59-201.
 - (b) "Local political subdivision" does not mean a school district, whose impact fee activity is governed by Section 11-36a-206.
- (14) "Private entity" means an entity in private ownership with at least 100 individual shareholders, customers, or connections, that is located in a first, second, third, or fourth class county and provides water to an applicant for development approval who is required to obtain water from the private entity either as a:
 - (a) specific condition of development approval by a local political subdivision acting pursuant to a prior agreement, whether written or unwritten, with the private entity; or
 - (b) functional condition of development approval because the private entity:
 - (i) has no reasonably equivalent competition in the immediate market; and
 - (ii) is the only realistic source of water for the applicant's development.
- (15)
 - (a) "Project improvements" means site improvements and facilities that are:
 - (i) planned and designed to provide service for development resulting from a development activity;
 - (ii) necessary for the use and convenience of the occupants or users of development resulting from a development activity; and
 - (iii) not identified or reimbursed as a system improvement.
 - (b) "Project improvements" does not mean system improvements.

- (16) "Proportionate share" means the cost of public facility improvements that are roughly proportionate and reasonably related to the service demands and needs of any development activity.
- (17) "Public facilities" means only the following impact fee facilities that have a life expectancy of 10 or more years and are owned or operated by or on behalf of a local political subdivision or private entity:
- (a) water rights and water supply, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities;
 - (b) wastewater collection and treatment facilities;
 - (c) storm water, drainage, and flood control facilities;
 - (d) municipal power facilities;
 - (e) roadway facilities;
 - (f) parks, recreation facilities, open space, and trails;
 - (g) public safety facilities;
 - (h) environmental mitigation as provided in Section 11-36a-205; or
 - (i) municipal natural gas facilities.
- (18)
- (a) "Public safety facility" means:
 - (i) a building constructed or leased to house police, fire, or other public safety entities; or
 - (ii) a fire suppression vehicle costing in excess of \$500,000.
 - (b) "Public safety facility" does not mean a jail, prison, or other place of involuntary incarceration.
- (19)
- (a) "Roadway facilities" means a street or road that has been designated on an officially adopted subdivision plat, roadway plan, or general plan of a political subdivision, together with all necessary appurtenances.
 - (b) "Roadway facilities" includes associated improvements to a federal or state roadway only when the associated improvements:
 - (i) are necessitated by the new development; and
 - (ii) are not funded by the state or federal government.
 - (c) "Roadway facilities" does not mean federal or state roadways.
- (20)
- (a) "Service area" means a geographic area designated by an entity that imposes an impact fee on the basis of sound planning or engineering principles in which a public facility, or a defined set of public facilities, provides service within the area.
 - (b) "Service area" may include the entire local political subdivision or an entire area served by a private entity.
- (21) "Specified public agency" means:
- (a) the state;
 - (b) a school district; or
 - (c) a charter school.
- (22)
- (a) "System improvements" means:
 - (i) existing public facilities that are:
 - (A) identified in the impact fee analysis under Section 11-36a-304; and
 - (B) designed to provide services to service areas within the community at large; and
 - (ii) future public facilities identified in the impact fee analysis under Section 11-36a-304 that are intended to provide services to service areas within the community at large.
 - (b) "System improvements" does not mean project improvements.

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