

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 20, 2006

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO #127: USE OF ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT FEE
REVENUE

At the Council budget work session on April 17, the question was raised as to whether revenue from increased development fees could be used to fund the Eisenhower West Plan.

As Council will recall, staff first raised the issue of increased development fees last summer as a way to address the enormous projected increase in development activity over the next five years. In the Spring of 2005, staff from Planning and Zoning identified staffing needs to maintain the same responsive level of service in the development review process as well as to make Alexandria development fees more comparable with neighboring jurisdictions.

On February 20, 2006, the City Council increased the proposed final site plan fee over and above what staff had proposed and reduced some others. The net change was about an additional \$125,000 in fee revenues. Through an oversight, these added fee revenues were not included in the revenue re-estimates. As a result, if Council wished to restore a deletion of \$100,000 in planning consultant funds, it could choose to do so from these revenues.