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### **New Homes will see a reduced fee cost of \$9,289.00 in Carson City**

The Carson City Supervisors approved the first reading of an ordinance aimed at stimulating our local economy. This ordinance will significantly reduce the cost for water and sewer connection fees, thus encouraging new business and new homes within our community.

Currently sewer connections fees are \$5,777.00 for a single family residence, the change being proposed will reduce this fee to \$577.00 for a net savings of \$5,200.00. Water Connection fees are \$4,543.00 they will be reduced to \$ 454.00, a net savings of \$4,089.00. If approved at the second reading (on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>) the new fees become effective immediately and will be collected prior to building permit issuance. Furthermore, the ordinance includes a provision to review this reduction in two years to assess the benefit.

With limited connections taking place throughout the City, it was determined that reducing these fees would not impact the City's budget. Also recognized during this review

was that the future development in Carson City would be more infill than outspread and the infrastructure required is all ready in place, thereby not creating a need for new capacity at the treatment plants. Through proper planning Carson City has prepared for the future by equipping their treatment plants in advance which causes the new fees to more closely represent the actual cost to connect to the existing system.

BAWN would like to thank the management and leadership of Carson City for their recognition that an economic stimulus encouraging development in our community will benefit everyone.

Sincerely,

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