

# Financial Strategy Resource Team

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May 24, 2006

Good Morning,

Enclosed are the materials for our 5<sup>th</sup> Financial Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, May 31 at 7 p.m. We will start the meeting by picking up where we left off in our fee revenues discussion in April. Charley Bowman will lead off with a discussion of the city's development fee schedule. Time permitting, the remainder of the meeting will focus on tax revenue trends, peer city tax comparisons and tax options.

The attachments in the packet include an agenda for Wednesday's meeting, a recap of the fourth meeting, a few more fee summaries (health and legal) and some advance materials for our tax discussion. All the items are hole-punched and should go into your notebooks for your convenience.

In Wednesday's meeting we will finish our review of existing city fees and wrap up any outstanding fee issues that the Committee wishes to discuss. This will give us a chance to review the contribution of taxes to the city's revenue base and compare the effective tax rate in Kent with some of our regional peer cities.

Lastly, we will look at the overall state tax picture to better understand recent changes in the state tax law and how those changes may affect the city's revenue stream.

I'll see you Wednesday night.

Yours truly,



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