SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES IN DEVELOPMENT—FINANCIAL INCENTIVES
Policy No. 2014-3-12

A policy to provide financial incentives for the Rockdale Community to incorporate sustainable practices and strategies, under four categories, in development projects. The four categories of fees rebates can be used cumulatively on a single project, up to 100% of the total fees, however only one green building certification will be recognized. The certification granting the greatest rebate will be honored in the event that a project receives more than one green building certification.

Categories:

- **Green Building Certification**
  - ie. EarthCraft, Energy Star, Green Globes, LEED, WaterSense, etc.

- **Affordable Housing**
  - ≤ 50% of Rockdale County median income (2014 threshold= $24,883.50)

- **Solar Energy**
  - ie. photovoltaic cells or solar water heaters

- **Smart Growth**
  - - Infill Development
  - - Rezoning to Sustainable Districts
  - - Increased Open Space

Process:

- Applicant submits permit fees in full as 2 checks (1. in amount of expected final fee, 2. in amount of incentive)
- P&D holds incentivized portion until applicant provides proof of sustainable practice
- P&D reviews application and authorizes release of check if conditions are satisfied