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Revenue Ordinance

Purpose: An ordinance to assess and levy taxes, service charges and fees for the purpose of raising revenue for Chatham County; to repeal all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; to establish an effective date; and, for other purposes connected with revenue in said County.

Article A. General

Section 1 Taxes

Beginning January 1, and thereafter, the inhabitants within the corporate and jurisdictional limits of Chatham County, and those who hold taxable property within the said County, and those who transact or offer to transact business therein, and those who practice the professions therein, except such as are exempt from taxation by law, shall pay toward the support of the government of Chatham County, the taxes herein prescribed.

Section 2 Service Charges and Fees

The inhabitants of Chatham County who are subject to certain service charges and fees shall pay such charges and fees as herein prescribed.

Section 3 January 1 Governs For Year

All taxes which are required for real and personal property held on the first day of January, and for any business and profession, in which any person may be engaged on that date, shall be considered due and payable for the entire year.

Section 4 Payment Requirements

Any tax, license fee, service fee or any other revenue due under this ordinance shall be due and payable to Chatham County. All payments shall be made in lawful funds of the United States of America, provided that Chatham County may require coins to be wrapped in authentic bank coin tubes or wrappers if the amounts of such coins equal or exceed fifty cents (\$.50) in pennies, two dollars (\$2.00) in nickels, five dollars (\$5.00) in dimes or ten dollars (\$10.00) in quarters. A returned check fee of \$30.00 is authorized.

Section 5 Specific Requirements of Ordinance Govern

In the event that any general requirement of this ordinance shall be or shall appear to be in conflict with a specific requirement hereof, the specific requirement as related to the subject at hand shall govern.

Article B. Property Taxes

Section 1 Levy of Tax

Each person, firm, and corporation owning real property, including improvements, in Chatham County on the first day of January, and each person, firm, and corporation owning or holding in trust or consignment, furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment, merchandise inventories, boats and boat motors, automobiles and other vehicular equipment, aircraft, mobile homes, and every other kind of personal property in Chatham County on the first day of January, shall pay a tax upon such property to the Chatham County Tax Commissioner, except upon household goods, personal tools, and other such property as may be exempt from taxation under the laws of this State.

Section 2 Assessment of Property

Such tax on real and personal property shall be based upon the assessed value thereof as lawfully determined by the Chatham County Board of Assessors pursuant to O.C.G.A 48-52 and 48-5-7.

Section 3 Tax Rate

The County-wide tax rate on real and personal property, calculated pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-560, et seq., shall be 11.543 mills for 2019. The final rate adopted and levied for 2019 shall be 11.543 mills on the dollar (.011543) or \$11.543 per \$1,000.00 in assessed value. In addition, a rate of 4.911 mills on the dollar (.004911) or \$4.911 per \$1,000.00 in assessed value for Special Service District and 1.15 mill on the dollar (.00115) or \$1.15 per \$1,000.00 in assessed value for Chatham Area Transit District shall be levied in 2019. The recommended 2020 millage levy by State law cannot be adopted until the digest is approved in late summer of 2020.

Section 4 Payment Due Dates

- a. Real Property - Any tax levied on real property shall be payable in semiannual installments to the Chatham County Tax Commissioner. The first installment shall be due on or before June 1st of each year and the second installment shall be due on or before November 15th of each year.
- b. Personal Property - Any tax upon personal property is billed annually and is due on November 15th of each year to the Chatham County Tax Commissioner.
- c. Adjustment of Due Dates - Nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting adjustment or modification of said due dates nor elimination of the first installment billing should conditions so warrant.

Section 5 Penalty and Interest for Delinquent Payment

Prior to July 1, 2016

In the event that any tax is not paid when the same is due on or before June 30, 2016, the outstanding amount shall bear interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the date the tax is due until the date the tax is paid through June 30, 2016. Any period of less than one month shall be considered to be one month.

In any instance in which any person willfully fails to pay when the same is due on or before June 30, 2016, within ninety (90) days of the date when due, any ad valorem tax, except where the tax is \$500.00 or less on homestead property as defined in O.C.G.A. 48-5-2, the tax payer shall pay, in the absence of a specific statutory civil penalty for the failure, a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of tax due and not paid on, or before the time prescribed by law, together with interest as specified by law.

Effective July 1, 2016

In the event that any tax is not paid when the same is due on or after July 01, 2016, the outstanding amount shall bear interest at the rate of equal to the bank prime loan rate posted by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System under statistical release H.15 + 3% to accrue monthly from the date the tax is due until the tax is paid. Any period of less than one month shall be considered to be one month.

In any instance in which any person willfully fails to pay when the same is due on or after July 01, 2016:

1. Within 120 days after the due date, the first penalty of 5% of the amount of taxes due and unpaid is assessed.
2. After 120 days of the date of imposition of the first penalty, a second penalty of 5% of any amount of taxes remaining due is imposed.
3. After 120 days of the date of imposition of the second penalty, a third penalty in the amount of 5% of the remaining taxes would be imposed.
4. After 120 days of the date of imposition of the third penalty of 5% of the remaining taxes due, a fourth penalty of 5% of the remaining taxes due can be imposed. At no time can the total penalty exceed 20%.

Ad Valorem taxes on motor vehicles, mobile homes, timber and heavy duty equipment are subject to penalty under O.C.G.A. 48-5-51 which states the penalty shall be 10% of the tax due or \$5.00 whichever is greater, together with interest at the rate of 1% per month. Any period of less than one month shall be considered to be one month.

Section 6 Return to County Assessor Required

Each person, firm, and corporation liable for real or personal property taxes under this ordinance shall make a return to the office of the Chatham County Board of Assessors pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-10.

Section 7 Public Utility Property Tax

Any person or firm required to pay a public utility property tax or any other tax based upon an assessment value made through the Georgia Department of Revenue shall pay to the Chatham County Tax Commissioner. Each bill will show the applicable due date. In the event the tax is not paid when due, interest will accrue based on O.C.G.A. 48-2-40 and penalty will be applied based on O.C.G.A. 48-2-44.

Section 8 Lists of Properties Required Under Certain Conditions

For the purpose of enabling the Board of Assessors to obtain full and complete information with reference to location and ownership of personal property in Chatham County which may be subject to taxation, each person, firm, or corporation conducting a rental agency in Chatham County for the purpose of renting furnished rooms, apartments, houses and flats, is hereby required to furnish, upon demand by said Board, a written list of all such furnished rooms, houses, apartments, and flats, together with the names, location, and mailing addresses of the owners thereof. Each person, firm, or corporation owning and operating a storage warehouse in Chatham County is hereby required to furnish, upon demand, a written list of all person, firms, and corporation who may have on storage in said warehouse any stock of merchandise or machinery of any kind, or furniture and household goods, or any other personal property of any nature, together with the address and location of the owners thereof.

Article C. Financial Institutions Tax

Section 1 Financial Institutions Business License Tax

In accordance with the O.C.G.A., Section 48-6-93, there is hereby levied an annual business license tax upon all depository financial institutions located within Chatham County at a rate of 0.25 percent (.25%) of the gross income of said depository financial institutions. Gross income shall mean gross income as defined in the O.C.G.A., Section 48-6-93. Depository financial institutions shall mean state and national banks, state building and loan associates, and federal savings and loan associations.

Section 2 Minimum Business License Tax

The minimum annual amount of business license tax due from any depository financial institution pursuant to Section 1 of this resolution shall be \$1,000.00.

Section 3 Filing of Return

Pursuant to the O.C.G.A., Section 48-6-93 (c), each depository financial institution subject to this tax shall file a return of its gross income with the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County on March 1st of each year following the year in which such gross income are measured. Said return shall be in the manner and in the form prescribed by the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue based on the allocation method set forth in subsection (d) of O.C.G.A., Section 48-6-93. The Board of Commissioners of Chatham County shall assess and collect the tax levied pursuant to this resolution based upon the information provided in said return.

Article D. Sales and Use Tax

Section 1 Levy of Tax

Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) 48-8, Article 2, encompassing sections 48-8-80 1975, the Chatham County Commissioners by resolution adopted on October 3, 1975, and levied the local option sales and use tax for unincorporated Chatham County and for all municipalities within Chatham County. The tax became effective on April 1, 1976.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-8-3, the Chatham County Commissioners approved a Resolution to extend the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. The referendum was held on August 23, 2013, for 2014-2020.

Section 2 Tax Rate, Base, Distribution and Fees

- a. Rate and Base - The local option sales and use tax rate is one percent (1%) of the monetary value of all retail sales of goods and services within Chatham County. The special purpose local option sales tax is one percent (1%) of the monetary value of all retail sales of goods and services within Chatham County.
- b. Collection and Distribution - Sales and use tax revenues are collected by the State Department of Revenue, Sales and Use Tax Division, and distributed to general purpose local governments within Chatham County in accordance with a distribution formula adopted by the participating governments within the County.
- c. Collection of Fees - Retail merchants are allowed a commission of three percent (3%) of the taxes collected as a deduction in the amount paid to the State Department of Revenue, and the State Department of Revenue deducts one percent (1%) of the tax proceeds to defray State handling costs.

Article E. Excise Taxes

Section 1 Alcohol Tax on Wholesalers

Each wholesale dealer in malt beverages, spirituous liquors, or wines shall pay, in addition to the regular license provided by this Ordinance, a tax on beverages sold to retailers located within the unincorporated area of Chatham County, in accordance with the provisions of this Article:

Section 2 Malt Beverages

Rates are established by this ordinance pursuant to the State of Georgia Uniform Local Beer Excise Tax Act of 1974.

Malt Beverages sold in container sizes other than those listed below and in cases containing more or less than the number of containers shown in the sections below shall be taxed at proportionate rates.

- \$ 1.20 per case of 48 containers when each container holds 6 ounces;
- \$ 1.40 per case of 48 containers when each container holds 7 ounces;
- \$ 1.20 per case of 36 containers when each container holds 8 ounces;

\$ 1.00 per case of 24 containers when each container holds 10 ounces;
\$ 1.20 per case of 24 containers when each container holds 12 ounces;
\$ 1.40 per case of 24 containers when each container holds 14 ounces;
\$ 1.60 per case of 24 containers when each container holds 16 ounces;
\$ 1.60 per case of 12 containers when each container holds 32 ounces;
\$.44 per barrel, keg or drum with a capacity of 1.125 gallons;
\$.87 per barrel, keg or drum with a capacity of 2.25 gallons;
\$ 1.50 per barrel, keg or drum with a capacity of 3.875 gallons (1/8 barrel);
\$ 3.00 per barrel, keg or drum with a capacity of 7.75 gallons (1/4 barrel);
\$ 6.00 per barrel, keg or drum with a capacity of 15.5 gallons (1/2 barrel); and
\$12.00 per barrel, keg or drum with a capacity of 31 gallons (1 barrel);

Section 3 Distilled Spirits and Wines

For liquor sold to retailers located within the unincorporated area of Chatham County for sale either by the package or by the drink, the tax shall be computed as follows:

\$0.83 per gallon;
\$0.40 per half-gallon;
\$0.20 per quart;
\$0.16 per one-fifth gallon;
\$0.10 per pint;

\$0.08 per one-tenth gallon; and
\$0.05 per one-half pint or smaller;

Or computed on the basis of \$0.22 per liter and a proportionate tax at like rates on all fractional parts of a liter.

Section 4 Due Dates, Allowances, Penalties and Report Process

All taxes on malt beverages, distilled spirits and wines paid or collected by wholesale dealers are due and payable to the Chatham County Finance Department on or before the 20th day of the month following the collection in which beverages are sold by the wholesale dealer.

Dealers collecting the tax shall be allowed a percentage of the tax due and accounted for and shall be reimbursed in the form of a deduction in submitting, reporting and paying the amount due, if the amount is not delinquent at the time of payment. The rate of the deduction shall be 1% of the amount due.

There shall be a penalty of not less than \$5.00 nor more than 5% of the amount due assessed on all remittances not submitted by the proper due date.

All remittances of alcoholic beverage taxes must be accompanied by a completed report form approved by the Chatham County Finance Department and a copy of their report of monthly sales to retailers made to the State Department of Revenue.

Section 5 Sale Prohibited If Taxes Are Not Paid

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell at retail or for consumption any malt beverages, wines or spirituous liquors on which the taxes provided for in this Ordinance have not been paid to the wholesale dealer or distributor for the County.

It shall likewise be unlawful for any wholesaler or other person to deliver any malt beverages, wine or distilled spirits to any retail dealer in the County without first collecting the taxes as provided in this Ordinance.

Section 6 Possession by Retailers Prohibited Unless Taxes Are Paid

It shall be unlawful for any retail dealer to have in his possession any alcoholic beverages unless the tax required by the County has been paid to the wholesaler, distributor, or other source delivering or causing the beverages to be delivered to the retail dealer. Whenever any such beverages are found in the possession of a retail dealer and the records of the payment of taxes do not appear upon the records of the wholesaler, it will be presumed that the tax has not been paid and the burden shall be upon the retailer or seller to prove such fact. All aforesaid beverages found in the possession of any retail dealer on which the tax has not been paid shall be subject to confiscation by the County authorities and shall be sold by the County authorities and the income thereof paid into the County treasury.

Section 7 County Examination of Records Authorized

For the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of any return required to be filed by this Article, or to determine the amount of taxes due, any authorized representative of

Chatham County shall have free and complete access at all reasonable times to any books, papers, records, or other information bearing upon said return or taxes due.

Section 8 U.S. Military Reservations Exempt from Tax

Nothing herein shall be construed as levying a license fee or tax on malt beverages, spirituous liquors, or wines sold to U.S. Military Reservations.

Section 9 Mixed Drink Excise Tax – Retailers

Effective September 1, 2006 and as authorized under O.C.G.A. 3-4-131, any establishment holding a license to dispense liquor or distilled spirits for consumption on premises is authorized and required to collect a Mixed Drink Excise Tax of 3% (three percent) from the purchasers of liquor sold by the drink within the licensed premises. All amounts of such taxes collected shall be due and remitted to the Chatham County Finance Department on or before the 20th day of the month following the month of collection. Establishments licensed to dispense liquor or distilled spirits for consumption located within a municipality that levies a municipal mixed drink excise tax are exempt from this provision.

There shall be a penalty of not less than \$5.00 nor more than 5% of the amount due added to all remittances not submitted by the proper due date. Failure to withhold purchase price as required does not exempt a licensee or its owner from payment of the amounts due.

All remittances of the mixed drink excise tax must be accompanied by a completed reporting form approved by the Chatham County Finance Department. The form shall be made and the return shall be filed by every establishment showing the gross sales of liquor by the drink and the amount of tax collected or otherwise due for the period. Payment of tax shall accompany the form. All forms must be supported by appropriate retail records and made available for inspection by County officials upon request.

If an establishment fails to make a return, the Finance Director may determine an estimate of their gross income based on any information available to the County and provide written notice to the establishment of amounts due. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell distilled spirits by the drink that taxes provided herein have not been paid to the County.

As a condition of doing business within Chatham County as a mixed drink retailer, a licensee must collect and remit the tax imposed in the manner prescribed in this article. Failure to report or pay the tax shall be grounds for revocation of business license as referenced in Chatham County Code Chapter 17-118.

Section 10 Energy Excise Tax

Effective January 1, 2013, the County Board of Commissioners implemented an Energy Excise Tax. See Appendix G – Ordinance Imposing an Excise Tax on the Sale, Use, Storage, or Consumption of Energy.

Article F. Hotel / Motel Tax

Section 1 Levy of Tax

Pursuant to O.C.G.A., 48-13-51(a) 3.2 (as amended in 1994 and 1996) authorizing each municipality in the State of Georgia to impose, levy, and collect an excise tax upon the furnishing for value to the public of any room or rooms, lodging, or accommodations furnished by any person or legal entity licensed by or required to pay business or occupation taxes to the municipality for operating a hotel, motel, inn, lodge, tourist camp, tourist cabin, short term rental or any other place in which rooms, lodgings, or accommodations are furnished for value, there is hereby levied an excise tax on the charges to the public for such furnishings of any room or rooms, lodgings, or accommodations within Chatham County provided, however, that no tax shall be levied upon the fees or charges for any rooms, lodgings, or accommodations furnished for a period of more than thirty consecutive days, or for use as meeting rooms, or upon the fees or charges for any rooms, lodgings, or accommodations furnished for a period of one or more days for use by Georgia state or local government officials or employees when traveling on official business.

Section 2 Rate

The Hotel/Motel tax rate shall be 6% of taxable charges to the public for lodging accommodations with Chatham County.

Section 3 Return; Payment of Tax

Each person or firm collecting said tax shall transmit to the County Finance Department, on or

before the 20th day of each month, a return showing the total charges for the furnishing of rooms, lodging, and accommodations during the preceding calendar month and the tax amount due, a monthly sales report or Statistics Report showing total room revenue for the month, and shall remit the tax levied herein. Such return shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the County's Finance Department.

Section 4 Collection Fee

Each person or firm collecting said tax shall be allowed a collection fee of 3% of the tax due as a deduction from the amount due, provided that the amount due is not delinquent at the time of payment, and provided further that no other County taxes, fees, or assessments are delinquent.

Section 5 Penalties and Interest

In accordance with O.C.G.A. 48-13-58, when any person or firm liable fails to make any return or to pay the full amount of the tax required by this article, there shall be imposed, in addition to other penalties provided by law, a penalty to be added to the tax in the amount of 5 percent or \$5.00, whichever is greater, if the failure is for not more than 30 days and an additional 5 percent or \$5.00, whichever is greater, for each additional 30 days or fraction of 30 days during which the failure continues. The penalty for any single violation shall not exceed 25 percent or \$25.00 in the aggregate, whichever is greater. If the failure is due to providential cause shown to the satisfaction of the governing authority imposing a tax under this article in affidavit form attached to the return and remittance is made within ten days of due date, the return may be accepted exclusive of penalties and interest. In the case of a false or fraudulent return or of a failure to file a return where willful intent exists to defraud the governing authority of any tax due under this article, a penalty of 50 percent of the tax due shall be assessed.

Interest that accrues after July 1, 2016 is subject to the Federal Reserve prime rate plus 3%. This rate will be reviewed and may be adjusted in January of each subsequent calendar year. Any period of less than one month shall be considered to be one month. (O.C.G.A. 48-2-40)

Section 6 Estimate of Gross Income

If any person fails to make a return, the County Finance Director shall make an estimate of the amount of the gross income of the person or of the amount of the total rentals in the County which are subject to the tax. The estimate shall be made for the period or periods in respect to which the person failed to make the return and shall be based upon any information which is or may come into the possession of the Finance Director.

Section 7 County Examination of Records Authorized

For the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of any return required to be filed by this Article, or to determine the amount of taxes due, any authorized representative of Chatham County shall have free and complete access at all reasonable times to any books, papers, records, or other information bearing upon said return or taxes due.

Section 8 Collection of Unpaid Tax

As a condition of doing business within Chatham County as a hotel/motel or short term rental, a licensee must collect and remit the tax imposed in the manner prescribed in this article. Failure to comply and pay the tax shall be grounds for revocation of business tax certificate.

Article G. Tax on Professions

Section 1 Levy of Tax; Scope

The following excerpt is from the Chatham County Business Tax Ordinance, Section 104, Business Tax Fee Structure, and Paragraph (B) - Business Tax on Professions.

“Each person engaged in the practice of a profession as described in O.C.G.A., 48-13-9(c) (1) through (19); each attorney; physician; osteopath; chiropractor; podiatrist; dentist; optometrist; psychologist; veterinarian; landscape architect; land surveyor; physiotherapist; public accountant; embalmer; funeral director; civil, mechanical, hydraulic or electrical engineer; architect; marriage and family therapist, social worker, and professional counselor; practicing such profession, whether individually or as a member of a firm, partnership, or corporation, shall elect as such person’s entire business or occupation tax one of the following:

- (1) The business tax based on gross income combined with profitability ratios as set forth in Article CC.
- (2) A fee of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) per practitioner licensed by the State, such tax to be paid only at the practitioner’s principal office or location. A practitioner paying a fee according to this paragraph shall not be required to provide information to Chatham County relating to gross income of the business or practitioner. The per-practitioner fee applies to each person in the business who qualifies as a professional practitioner under the state’s regulatory guidelines and framework.

This election is to be made on an annual basis and must be done by the business tax return due date each year.

No business tax on professions shall be assessed or collected from any practitioner of a profession whose office is maintained by and who is employed in practice exclusively by the United States, State of Georgia, a county or municipality of the state, or instrumentalities thereof.

Failure to remit the tax owed for a professional as described herein shall result in reporting that professional to the regulatory agency of the State of Georgia that licenses that profession in addition to any other penalty allowed under law.

Section 2 Rate

The rate of tax on professions is based on the election method cited in Section 1 above.

Article H. Tax on Insurance Premiums

Section 1 Premium Tax on Life Insurers

There is hereby levied an annual tax, based solely upon gross direct premiums upon each insurer writing life, accident and sickness insurance within Chatham County. This tax is in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the gross direct premiums received during the preceding calendar year in accordance with O.C.G.A., 33-8-4. The tax levied here is in addition to the license fees imposed by this ordinance.

Section 2 Premium Tax on All Other Insurers

There is hereby levied an annual tax upon each insurer, other than an insurer transacting business in the insurance class designated in subsection 1 of O.C.G.A., 33-3-5, doing business within the County. The tax shall be in an amount equal to two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the gross direct premiums received during the preceding calendar year. Gross direct premiums as used in this section shall mean gross direct premiums as defined in O.C.G.A. 33-8-2 (a).

Section 3 Administrative Provision

The Clerk of Commission is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Article to the Georgia Insurance Commissioner.

Article I. Public Utility Taxes - Part 1. Cable Television Franchise Fee

Section 1 License Required; Application; Issuance

Before any person, firm or corporation shall be allowed to proceed with the installation of its community antenna television system hereunder, it shall first file an application for such franchise with the County or with the State of Georgia. If the applicant files with the County, the following is required - applicant's name and address; the date and place of incorporation if applicant is incorporated; a list of names and addresses of stockholders, directors and officers of applicants if incorporated; the most recent certified balance sheet of corporation or partnership or a sworn statement of net worth if applicant is an individual; location of all other CATV operations of applicant; the means of erecting wires contemplated by applicant; section or sections of the County contemplated where operation of franchise will be begun by applicant; attached policy or certifications of insurance showing worker's compensation, liability and indemnification as prescribed by this Ordinance; and attached certified check in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for applicants with less than one hundred (100) subscribers or Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per subscriber for applicants with more than one hundred (100) subscribers, payable to Chatham County, which check shall be returned to an unsuccessful applicant or applied toward payment of the initial franchise fee for a successful applicant, agreement to fully perform the contract and upon a determination of a failure to do so, franchisee shall forfeit that portion of the fee that has been applied toward the payment of the initial franchise fee; an agreement to comply with and be bound by all ordinances of the County together with an agreement to be bound by all future ordinances regulating CATV in the County and otherwise as pertains to a renewed franchise; and, such other information as required by the County Manager.

Section 2 Performance Bond

Prior to the granting of such franchise, applicant shall also file with the County a Performance

Bond if there will be construction within the County's rights-of-way in the amount to be negotiated with sufficient sureties, in favor of the County, conditioned on said franchisee's faithful execution of the obligations under this Ordinance.

Section 3 Initial Franchise Fee & Subsequent Annual Gross Revenue Payments Required

Each franchisee shall pay the initial franchise fee at the time it receives its license pursuant to this Article. In consideration of permission to use the streets and public ways of the County for the construction, operation, maintenance, and reconstruction of a cable system within the unincorporated areas of the County, the franchisee shall pay to the County a quarterly franchise fee of 5% of its annual gross revenue taken in and received by it from all of the unincorporated areas of Chatham County during the preceding fiscal year. Gross Revenue is defined by O.C.G.A. 36-76-2.

Public Utility Taxes - Part 2. E-911 Emergency Telephone Service Fee

Section 1 Levy of Fee

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 46-5-1334, each county government in the State of Georgia is authorized to levy and collect a fee for emergency 911 telephone service under certain conditions, and pursuant to a resolution of the Chatham County Commission, an E-911 emergency telephone service fee is levied with the County, to be effective April 1, 1992; effective December 1, 1999 for Wireless telecommunications connections; and effective April 21, 2008 for Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP).

Section 2 Rate

- a. The rate for E-911 emergency telephone service shall be One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per month per exchange access facility provided to each telephone subscriber within the County.
- b. Effective October 1, 2006, the rate for E-911 emergency telephone service shall be One Dollar and Fifty cents (\$1.50) per month per wireless telecommunication connection whose billing address is in the County jurisdiction. Effective April 21, 2008, the rate for Voice over Internet Protocol shall be One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50).

Section 3 Collection of Fee

In accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 46-5-134, each telephone service supplier within the County shall, on behalf of Chatham County, bill and collect the E-911 fee from telephone subscribers to whom it provides exchange telephone service in the area served by the E-911 system.

Section 4 Remittance to the State of Georgia

In accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 38-3-185, beginning January 1, 2019 all collections in accordance with O.C.G.A. 46-5-133 and 46-5-134 shall be remitted to the State of Georgia using Georgia Tax Center www.gtc.dor.ga.gov. Remittance is to be submitted no later than the 20th day of the month following the month of collection.

Section 5 Administrative Fee

Each telephone service supplier that collects E-911 charges on behalf of the County is entitled to retain as an administrative fee an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the gross E-911 income to be remitted to the State of Georgia.

Section 6 Exemption From Fee

All exchange access facilities billed to the federal, state, or local governments shall be exempt from the E-911 charge.

Section 7 Conditions and Use of Revenue

- a. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 46-5-134, paragraph (d) (2), all revenues from monthly E-911 charges shall be deposited and accounted for in a separate restricted revenue fund known as the Emergency Telephone System Fund. The County may invest the money in the fund in the same manner that other monies of the County government may be invested and any income earned from such investment shall be deposited into the Emergency Telephone System Fund.
- b. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 46-5-134, paragraph (f), money from the Emergency Telephone System Fund shall be used only to pay costs associated with providing E-911 telephone service.
- c. In accordance with O.C.G.A. 46-5-134 (e), a wireless service supplier may recover a portion of its costs expended on the implementation and provision of wireless enhanced E-911 services to subscribers.

Section 8 Prepaid Wireless Service Fee

In accordance with O.C.G.A. 46-5-134.2, as of January 1, 2019 prepaid wireless E-911 charges shall be \$1.50 per service. Sellers are required to remit collections of the charges to the State of Georgia using the Georgia Tax Center at www.gtc.dor.ga.gov. Remittance is to be submitted no later than the 20th day of the month following the month of collection. Sellers are permitted to retain a 3% administration fee.

Article J. Court System of Chatham County

Section 1 Function of Courts

Under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the clerks of the courts shall pay into the County treasury all monies arising from fines and forfeitures collected by them except as specified under provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Upon failure to do so, the clerks of the courts shall be subject to rule and attachment as in the case of defaulting sheriffs. The monies arising from fines and forfeitures shall be kept separate and distinct from County funds arising from other sources, and shall also be kept by the County on the basis of the court from which the funds were received.

All courts are legally required to consider the below charges that will be remitted to Chatham County when assessing fines and forfeitures.

Section 2 Jail Construction and Staffing Act

Authorized under provisions of the Constitution of Georgia, the collection of these revenues was authorized by action of the Commissioners of Chatham County. This Act enables the courts to impose additional penalty assessments in criminal and traffic cases, and cases involving violations of County ordinances. The proceeds from the additional revenue are used to construct, operate, and staff jails and penal institutions.

In cases in which a superior court, state court, probate court, magistrate court, municipal court, or other court imposes a fine for any offense against a criminal or traffic law of Georgia or any ordinance of Chatham County, the court charges an additional penalty of ten percent (10%) of the original fine.

Where bond is posted in any case involving a criminal or traffic law of Georgia or a County ordinance, an additional ten percent (10%) of the original amount of bail or bond shall be posted. When the court orders the forfeiture of the bail or bond, the additional ten percent (10%) shall be paid over to the court.

The funds collected under the Jail Construction and Staffing Act are remitted monthly to Chatham County where they are separately identified and used for constructing, operating, and staffing the County's jail and detention facility and for collateral applied to the payment of any bonds issued for the construction of County penal institutions.

Section 3 County Drug Abuse Treatment & Education Fund

Under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the County imposes a penalty upon offenses related to activities regarding marijuana, controlled substances, and non-controlled substances. The penalty is fifty percent (50%) of the original fine.

Funds collected under this article are expended by the County for drug abuse treatment and education programs related to controlled substances, and marijuana.

Section 4 Peace Officer Annuity & Benefit Fund

As authorized by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the County collects a portion of each fine imposed and each bond forfeited in any criminal or quasi-criminal case for violation of State statutes or County ordinances. The fees collected are:

\$3.00 for any fine or bond forfeiture more than \$4.00 but less than \$25.00;
\$4.00 for any fine or bond forfeiture more than \$25.00 but less than \$50.00;
\$5.00 for any fine or bond forfeiture more than \$50.00 but less than \$100.00; and,
5% of any fine or bond forfeiture greater than \$100.00.

The amount of the fine or bond forfeiture includes costs. Chatham County remits these fees

monthly to the Peace Officer Annuity and Benefit Fund.

Section 5 Victim Assistance Fines

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-131, paragraph (a), all courts shall impose a fine, which shall be construed to include costs, for any criminal offense, which will include an additional penalty equal to five percent (5%) of the original fine for the purpose of assisting in funding of victim assistance programs.

Section 6 Public Defender Fees

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Chapter 12 of Title 17, Georgia law requires every person who applies for legal defense services to pay the Public Defender Office a single fee of \$50.00 for the application for, receipt of, or application for and receipt of such services. Fees collected for felony cases will be sent to the State of Georgia. Fees collected for misdemeanor cases will be distributed to Chatham County.

Section 7 Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund of Georgia

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 47-11-50, twenty percent of all fees collected by any and all judges of the probate courts for any service rendered as such in taking applications for marriage licenses, issuing and recording such marriage licenses, and filing such applications and marriage licenses with the Department of Community Health as well as \$2 of each civil filing fee and \$1 of the fee ;paid for each application for a licenses to carry a pistol or revolver or a renewal thereof.

Section 8 Superior Court

Superior Court Fees for services and filing fees are established by the legislature and detailed in O.C.G.A. 15-6-77. Civil filing fees and criminal fines are all comprised of a base amount and up to fifteen separate fees that are “add ons” or “take outs” of the original base amount. Each separate fee is detailed in the Official Code of Georgia. The court also collects transfer taxes and intangible taxes associated with real estate transactions. A list of Superior Court Filing Fees is in Appendix A.

Section 8 (A) The Superior Court Clerk’s Office has been designated as a Passport Acceptance Facility of the Department of State for the the purpose of accepting applications for passport. The Clerk of Superior Court has been authorized by the State Department to receive facility acceptances fees for services provided as a Passport Services Acceptance Facility. An execution fee of \$35 and a passport photo fee of \$14 will be made payable to the Clerk of Superior Court . All other fees will be made payable to the Department of State by the applicant. A list of United States Passport fees is in Appendix A. (Addition)

Section 9 State Court

The schedule of fees for State Court is listed in Appendix E.

Section 10 Probate Court

The Probate Court is entitled to recover costs for specific services under the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated. The Court also collects a Weapons Carrying License (WCL) fee of \$82.75. The fee schedule is shown in Appendix B or on the Chatham County website at www.chathamcourts.org/probate-court/fees. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to conflict with the Section 7 herein.

Section 11 Magistrate Court

The Magistrate Court serves and tries claims on person/entities, and does not conduct jury trials. Additional revenue is collected by criminal worthless check warrants through collection fines.

The fee schedule for Magistrate Court is shown in Appendix C.

Section 12 Juvenile Court

The Juvenile Court can collect supervision fees from those placed under the court's formal or informal supervision. The court may use these fees to expand ancillary services authorized under the Georgia law. The court may order fees as follows:

- a. An initial court supervision user's fee not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00); and,
- b. A court supervision users fee not less than two dollars (\$2.00) nor more than thirty dollars (\$30.00) for each month the child receives supervision.

The child, each parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the child may be jointly and severally liable for the payment of the fee and subject to law enforcement procedures. Supervision fees are remitted to Chatham County monthly. The funds are used to provide supplemental community based services to juvenile offenders.

In cases involving traffic offenses, the Juvenile Court Judges are authorized by statute, O.C.G.A. 15-11-73 (g) (4) to order the child to pay a fine to the general fund of the county.

Section 13 Recorder's Court

The Recorders Court operates under the City of Savannah. However, it collects revenue for Chatham County on cases involving County jurisdiction. Although Recorder's Court handles a variety of cases, most of the revenue it collects for Chatham County relates to the violation of criminal violations of the Official Code of Georgia where the fines are established by State laws. The Court may impose any punishment up to the maximums specified by general law under the limitations on home rule powers of both county and municipal corporations.

The fee schedule shown in Appendix D contains a list of minimum fines. The fines are exclusive of costs imposed by legislation, e.g. the Jail Construction and Staffing Act, the Peace Officer, Prosecutor, and Indigent Defense Funding Act. The addition of other legislative costs will

increase the fine amount.

Article K. Reimbursements

Section 1 County Reimbursements

Chatham County has entered into contractual agreements with various entities to reimburse the County for certain expenditures.

The most noteworthy of these reimbursements are:

- a. Police Overtime Reimbursement - Chatham County submits quarterly invoices to the U.S. Department of Justice / Drug Enforcement Agency for the time spent by law enforcement officers.
- b. Housing Prisoners Reimbursement - The State of Georgia, Federal Government, and local municipalities use Chatham County's detention facility to house prisoners. Chatham County strives to obtain full cost reimbursement. However, Chatham County is reimbursed at various rates. Federal and State reimbursements are set by those governments based upon their legal and budgetary limitations.
- c. Law Library Salary Reimbursement - Chatham County pays the salaries of law librarians through its payroll process. As authorized under Article 36-15-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the Board of Trustees of the law library reimburses Chatham County for salaries, benefits, and other personnel costs associated with the law librarians.
- d. Insurance Reimbursement - When there is an accident involving a County vehicle and Chatham County is not at fault, proceeds received from the at-fault party are deposited in this revenue account.
- e. Federal Financial Participation - The County receives Federal financial participation under various grant programs and intergovernmental agreements.
- f. Alternate Dispute Resolution Reimbursement - Chatham County receives reimbursement for this activity's operational expenditures from the Office of Alternatives Dispute Resolution.

Article L. Land Bank Authority

Section 1 Surplus Property Account

Under action of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, a Land Bank Authority / Surplus Property account was established to fund expenditures related to preparing County properties for transfer to other governments or for private sale. Revenues in the Land Bank Authority account represent funds from the sale of surplus property or from resources of the property, e.g. timber. Chatham County received these properties through tax default. Funds under the Land Bank Authority are expended for several purposes. Funds are used to remove dilapidated structures and ensure public safety and health of County-owned property. Also the funds are used to pay personnel for property records research.

Article M. Voter / Election Revenues

Section 1 Fee Established

The County primarily receives two types of voter / election revenues. The first is a candidate qualifying fee. The second is from the sale of voter lists. Both fees have been established under Georgia laws.

Section 2 Candidate Qualifying Fees

- a. The Chatham County Commissioners, not later than February 1st of any year in which a general primary, nonpartisan primary, or general election is to be held, and at least twenty days (20) days prior to the special primary or election in the case of a special primary or special election, shall fix and publish a qualifying fee for each County office to be filled in the upcoming primary or elections. Such fee shall be three percent (3%) of the annual salary of the office if a salaried office. If not a salaried office, a reasonable fee shall be set by the County Commissioners, such fee not to exceed three percent (3%) of the income derived from such office by the person holding the office for the preceding year.
- b. Qualifying fees shall be prorated and distributed as follows:
 - (1) Fees paid to the County political party; fifty percent (50%) to be retained by the County political party with which the candidate qualified; fifty percent (50%) to be transmitted to the Superintendent of Elections of Chatham County and then to Chatham County. Such fees will be applied toward the cost of the primary and election.
 - (2) Fees paid to the State political party: Seventy-five percent (75%) to be retained by the State political party; twenty-five percent (25%) to be transmitted to the Secretary of State with the party's certified list of candidates. Such fees shall be transmitted by the Secretary of State as follows: one-third (1/3) to the State treasurer and two-thirds (2/3) divided among the governing authorities of the counties in the candidate's district in proportion to the population of each such county according to the U.S. decennial census, such fees to be applied to the cost of holding the election.

Section 3 Sale of Voter List

The Office of Voter Registration remits funds from the sale of voter lists and electronic files to the County. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-225(c) the Georgia Election Code and the Office of the Secretary of State, the Chatham County Board of Registrars establishes the following costs for regular voter registration data effective July 1, 2011 as follows:

<u>Number of Voters</u>	<u>Cost – Paper</u>	<u>Cost - CD</u>
0 - 10,000	\$80.00	\$60.00
10,001 - 50,000	\$225.00	\$130.00
50,001 - 100,000	\$450.00	\$185.00
100,001 - 200,000	\$900.00	\$360.00
200,001 - 500,000	\$1875.00	\$585.00

The charge for voter mailing labels is three cents (\$0.03) per name and address.

Article N. Rental Revenue

Section 1 Rental of County Facilities

Under various contractual agreements Chatham County receives rental revenue from governmental and non-profit entities occupying Chatham County facilities. Tenants include is Records Court and the Chatham County Health Department.

Article O. Other Revenues

Section 1 Payroll Garnishments

The Chatham County Finance Department charges a salary garnishment fee to Chatham County employees for payroll expenditures associated with court-ordered garnishments. The fee, established under Georgia law, is fifteen dollars (\$15.00) or ten percent (10%) of the amount garnished, whichever is greater, not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Section 2 Health Inspections

This fee is charged to municipalities for housing hygiene inspections and enforcement work performed by the Chatham County Health Department. The fees are set by the Chatham County Health Department.

Section 3 CSRU Application Fee

The Child Support Recovery Enforcement requires each applicant to pay a twenty five dollar (\$25.00) fee for application processing. The applicants are usually seeking financial assistance for their children from the other biological parent. The Child Support Recovery Unit operates under State mandates.

Section 4 Sale of Surplus Personal Property

The Chatham County purchasing ordinance governs the sale of surplus property. The ordinance states that all sales of obsolete or unusable County personal property shall be sold at public auction by the Purchasing Agent or his designee. Where there are unique or specialized pieces of personal property, the purchasing agent may require a competitive sealed bid process.

Section 5 Miscellaneous Revenue

Chatham County receives miscellaneous revenue from a variety of sources. Some of the most common are:

Photocopy reimbursements - \$0.25 per page;

Non-sufficient funds charges - \$30.00 or 5% of the face value of the check (whichever is greater) for any check returned to Chatham County is collectible as a non-sufficient funds charge under Georgia code;

Refunds from vendors;

Jury checks returned to the County by County employees; and,

Print Shop Revenue.

Section 6 Coroner's Autopsy Fees

The coroner is required by O.C.G.A. 45-16-24 to be notified of suspicious or unusual deaths and to order an autopsy to be completed. An autopsy report fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) is charged for each report issued by the Coroner's Office. The deceased's family is not charged for reports.

Section 7 Wireless Telecommunication Facilities Filing Fees

- a. Petition Type: For details on petition type see Section 16 of the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance.
- b. Base Fee, Engineering Fee, and Study Recovery Fees: Every petition for WTF shall pay the base fee, engineering fee, and study recovery fee.
- c. Third Party Review: Review procedures vary by the type of WTF facility proposed. Where due to the complexity of the methodology or analysis required to review an application for a WTF requiring radio frequency analysis, the Executive Director or Planning Commission may require a technical expert review as described in Section 16 of the Wireless Telecommunication Facilities Ordinance.
- d. "After-the-Fact" Application: Fees for any application for which work has already started or proceeded prior to obtaining an "Approval", the fees herein specified shall be doubled, but the payment of such doubled fees shall not relieve any person from fully complying with the requirements of the ordinance in the exception of the work nor from any other penalties as prescribed herein.

Petition Type	Base Fee	Engineering Review Fee	Study Recovery Fee	Third Party Review
Concealed Attached WTF	\$2,175	Base Fee (\$500) + No. of Acres x \$400/ac (Min. \$700)	\$1,000/ Application	\$3,500/If required
Collocation or Combining or Modification on Existing Antenna Support Structure	\$2,100	Base Fee (\$500) + No. of Acres x \$400/ac (Min. \$700)	\$1,000/ Application	\$3,500/If required
Attached WTF	\$2,175	Base Fee (\$500) + No. of Acres x \$400/ac (Min. \$700)	\$1,000/ Application	\$3,500/If required
Petition Type	Base Fee	Engineering Review Fee	Study Recovery Fee	Third Party Review
Replacement Of Existing Antenna Support Structure	\$3,100	Base Fee (\$500) + No. of Acres x \$400/ac (Min. \$700)	\$1,000/ Application	\$3,500/If required

Concealed WTF	\$4,075	Base Fee (\$500) + No. of Acres x \$400/ac (Min. \$700)	\$1,000/ Application	\$3,500/If required
New Non-Concealed Antenna Support Structure	\$5,075	Base Fee (\$500) + No. of Acres x \$400/ac (Min. \$700)	\$1,000/ Application	\$3,500/If required
Temporary WTF (Cell on Wheels)	\$2,100	Base Fee (\$500) + No. of Acres x \$400/ac (Min. \$700)	\$1,000/ Application	\$3,500/If required

Section 8 Secondary Metal Recycling Program

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 10-1-360, beginning July 1, 2012, secondary metals recyclers who purchase regulated metal property in any quantity must register with the appropriate sheriff's office. The registration fee is two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and will be collected by the Chatham County Sheriff's Office and the entire fee returned to Chatham County.

Section 9 CCPD and Sheriff Off Duty Program

The Chatham County Sheriff's office will collect the following fees for security services for use of the Department's deputies for a minimum of 4 hours.

Uniformed Officer – Regular Days	\$22/hr
Uniformed Officer – Holiday	\$30/hr
Uniformed Officer – High risk or hazardous Duty	\$30/hr

The CCPD will collect fees associated with their Off Duty Program.

Section 10 Short Term Rental Licensing Fees

The Short Term Rental Ordinance is developed to regulate the use of property in Chatham County that is leased, rented or otherwise traded for money for a short term rental. The Department of Building Safety and Regulatory Services will collect the following fees for the required license:

Initial Application Fee	\$350.00
Annual Renewal Fee	\$250.00

Failure to pay the fee or other related taxes shall result in the revocation of license to operate the rental.

Article P. Parking Garage Fees

Section 1 Parking Fees

Listed below are the monthly, daily, and hourly rates for the Chatham County Parking Garage. All parking spaces that are prepaid for six months will receive a ten percent (10%) discount.

Parking Garage – 102 MLK Blvd. – Monthly

Reserved Space (Unlimited access)

County Employees	\$ 125.00
Non-County Employee	\$ 180.00
• Limited to 20 Spaces	

Non-reserved Space (Limited access)

County Employees	\$ 57.00
Non-County Employee	\$ 85.00
May be increased if space is used less than 50% during month	

Lost or Damaged Cards \$ 35.00

Parking Garage - Montgomery Street - Hourly / Daily Rates

Hourly Rate - 1 st hour	\$ 1.50
Hourly Rate - 2 nd thru 6 th hour	\$ 1.50
Daily Rate	\$ 12.00
Weekend (Daily Flat Rate)	\$ 12.00
Special Events (Flat Rate)	\$ 25.00

Article Q.

Police Administrative Fees

Section 1 Crime Scene Report

The police crime scene report fee is determined by the cost of the service. This fee is charged to those municipalities and individuals desiring evidence related to a crime such as photographs and reports, and to cover costs related to time used by Chatham County Police Department in compiling information related thereto.

Section 2 Fingerprinting Fee

A fingerprint fee of five dollars is charged to fingerprint individuals for such things as immigration, professional licensing, and day care worker certifications. A fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per card is charged in instances where more than one card is required, i.e. those who are seeking citizenship.

Section 3 Accident Report Fee

Upon request, the Chatham County Police Department will provide the public with a copy of an accident report. The County is authorized to charge for providing accident reports under the State of Georgia Code.

Section 4 Parking Citation

A parking citation represents a violation of the Chatham County Parking Ordinance. The rates for parking citations are:

Paid	Paid
within 5 days	after 5 days

Improper parking Class A violation	\$ 12.00	\$ 24.00
Improper parking Class B violation	\$ 15.00	\$ 27.00
Improper parking Class C violation	\$ 35.00	\$ 47.00
Improper use of handicapped space	\$ 100.00	\$ 112.00
Expired or no state vehicle license tag	\$ 50.00	\$ 62.00

Citations paid after (30) days will incur additional fees.

Section 5 Video / Audio Tapes Copying Fee

Fees are determined by the cost of the service unless otherwise governed by Open Records Act.

Section 6 Photo Copying & Enlargement Fee

Fees are determined by the cost of the service unless otherwise governed by Open Records Act.

Section 7 Records Unit Fees

Fees are determined by the cost of the service unless otherwise governed by Open Records Act.

Section 8 Animal Control Fees

Chatham County assesses fees for animal control services under the Chatham County Animal Control Ordinance. All dogs or cats three months of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies and receive a license tag from Chatham County every twelve months following the initial vaccination. The license tag should be acquired and paid for within thirty (30) days of annual inoculation. Non-compliance and the issuance of an ordinance citation shall result in a set fine of:

First Offense	\$25.00
Second Offense	\$100.00
Third Offense	\$150.00 up \$500.00

Any person owning a dog or cat that does not comply with this section on multiple occasions shall have an increased fine as follows:

The veterinarian's fees for vaccination of a dog or cat shall be set by each individual licensed veterinarian or the State of Georgia. A license tag will be issued in exchange for a fee as set forth in the schedule below, which will be collected by –Animal Services Division from the owner of each dog or cat that has received the anti-rabies vaccine and rabies certificate. Veterinarians that opt to sell the tags shall retain a \$1.00 Administrative fee for each tag sold.

Single Animal License (quantity less than 10)

	\$ 5.00
Cat 1 year	\$ 5.00

Dog 3 year	\$	15.00
Cat 3 year	\$	15.00

In addition to license tag fees, the Animal Control Services charges a thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) impoundment fee when unrestrained animals are carried to the Animal Services by an Animal Services Officer. If two or more animals, which are owned by the same owner, are picked up by Animal Control at the same time, only one (1) thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) impoundment fee is charged. Boarding fee is also charged for each impounded animal up to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day. All animals must be retrieved by the owner within three (5) days of impoundment and all necessary and license tag and fees paid prior to release of animal to the owner. Animal adoption fees for animals adopted through Animal Services are seventy dollars (\$70.00).

Animal Control Medical Service Fees

Vaccinations:

Caine DHPP	\$10.00
Canine Bordetella	\$10.00
Rabies Vaccination	\$10.00
Feline FVCRP	\$10.00

Test:

FEL-FIV Test	\$20.00
FECAL	\$20.00
Canine snap heartworm test	\$20.00
Canine heartworm test direct	\$20.00
Giardia test	\$20.00
Parvo Test	\$20.00

Dewormer:

Ivermec	\$ 5.00
Panacur	\$20.00
Strongid	\$10.00
Albon	\$20.00

Surgery:

Feline Spay/Neuter	\$40.00
Canine Spay/Neuter	\$75.00

Misc., Medications/Treatments:

Capstar large	\$10.00
Capstar small	\$10.00

Feline Revolution	\$10.00
Pain medication	\$10.00
Frontline	\$10.00
Emergency Medical Services fees as charged by Veterinarian	

Impound/Boarding fees:

Impound	\$35.00
Boarding per day	Up to \$25.00
Rabies Quarantine	Up to \$30.00
Vet Time (If treatment needed)	\$50.00 per hour

Service Items:

Microchip	\$25.00
Field Sedation	\$25.00
Health Certificate	\$25.00
Cat Carrier	\$15.00
Nail trim	\$10.00

Medical services fees if claimed by owner:

Medicated Bath	\$20.00
Medical grooming/shave	\$30.00
Clip/Clean/Flush/Debride wound	\$30.00

Fee for Classified dog:

Annual registration (includes 1 warning sign)	\$150.00
Additional cost per sign	\$35.00

Disposal and Removal of Dog Excrement

It shall be unlawful for any person who possess harbors or is in charge of any dog not to immediately remove excrement deposited by any dog upon the common thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, trees, lawns, playground area parks, squares, and upon other public premises and the failure to remove said excrement shall be deemed a public nuisance and is prohibited. Failure of the person having custody of the dog to remove the dog excrement by acceptable device shall constitute a violation and be subject to a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or greater than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

Dogs Running At-Large

Any person who violates the Restriction on Dogs Running At-Large provision shall, upon conviction in the Recorder's Court of Chatham County or any other court of competent jurisdiction, be subject to the following tier of fines:

First Offense	\$200.00
Second Offense	\$400.00
Third Offense	\$800.00

Breeder Fees:

Any dog born that is not AKC registered must be spayed or neutered as soon as medically possible as well as both parents, if possible. Any breeder of such animal who does not have AKC registration but has been intentionally breed will pay a super breeder fee for failure to comply. In addition to the super breeder fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) the pet shall come into compliance within 5 days. Upon second conviction, the super breeder fee shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Article 1 of Chatham County Animal Control Ordinance Penalty:

Any person violating any provisions of this chapter upon conviction before Chatham County Recorder's Court of the State Court of Chatham County or such other court of competent jurisdiction, shall be subject to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars \$100 or in excess of one thousand dollars \$1,000 for each count and violation of this ordinance.

To view the Chatham County Animal Control Ordinance online at:

<https://animalservices.ChathamCounty.org/Pet-Resorces/Ordinance>.

Beekeeping Registration

All beekeepers are required to annually register each apiary with the Chatham County Department of Building Safety. The fee for the registration will be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per address, regardless of the number of hives and will be collected by the Chatham County Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department. All fees raised by this registration procedure shall be designated and used for Animal Control activities.

Promotions

The Director may modify fees to accommodate promotions at the shelter.

Section 9 Confiscated Funds

Chatham County receives confiscated funds under the search and seizure provisions of The Official Code of Georgia Annotated and under federal statutes. Confiscated funds are collected by the County when property is seized due to illegal activity. In these instances, the law enforcement agency initiates condemnation proceedings on seized property through the District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney's Office determines based on the aspects of the case whether the County is entitled to the property. In cases involving the Drug Enforcement Administration and/or the U.S. Department of Justice, seized property is sold by the federal agency and a pro-rata portion of the sale proceeds is remitted to Chatham County. According to federal guidelines on seized and forfeited properties, such monies are to be used to enhance law enforcement and not to replace the operating budget of the Department. Another source of confiscated revenue originates from the condemnation of property involved in illegal fishing activities as defined in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Under these provisions, such property may upon Court order be sold, and the proceeds of the sale, after reimbursing various seizure costs and court expenditures, will be remitted to the County.

Section 10 False Alarm Service Fees

- a. Fees Established: Pursuant to Chatham County Code Section 10-301 thru 10-312, the following service fees are hereby established to discourage excessive false alarms at any single location, enhance the safety of officers of the Chatham County Police, protect the lives and property of the citizens of Chatham County, reduce unnecessary use of public safety resources, and produce revenues to defray a portion of the costs of responses to false alarms.
- b. Alarm Users Registration Fee: Each alarm system business, as defined in Section 10-302(c) of the Chatham County Code must provide the Alarm System Coordinator with a listing of locations that are using an alarm system monitored by said business. This listing must be in computerized format specified by the Alarm System Coordinator. All locations on this listing will be considered registered alarm users. Each alarm system business will be responsible for supplying the Alarm System Coordinator with any changes to its list of registered alarm users. An annual registration fee of \$12.00 per residential alarm user and \$24.00 per commercial alarm user will be collected and remitted at the time of initial registration by the alarm system business and renewed by July 1st of each year. An alarm company may choose to file monthly with a due date of the 20th of each month. Any household headed by a person 65 or older, will receive a rebate or waiver of the annual alarm registration fee.
- c. False Alarm Fees for Registered Alarm Users: Excessive false alarms for registered alarm users are considered to be any number in excess of three (3) false alarms during the 12-month billing cycle; except in the case of a household determined to be eligible for a rebate or waiver of the alarm registration fee as described above in Section B., in which case the number shall be four (4) false alarms. Upon the fourth false alarm, an alarm user will be assessed and billed a fee of \$100 for the excessive alarm and notified of suspension as a registered alarm user. Alarm users suspended from the alarm registry will be considered to be unregistered alarm users for the purpose of billing false alarms.
- d. False Alarm Fees for Unregistered Alarm Users: All false alarm responses to unregistered locations will be billed to the alarm system user. The first through third false alarms at a single location within the 12-month billing cycle will be billed at a rate of \$100 per false alarm. The fourth through tenth false alarms at a single location during the same time period will be billed at \$150 per false alarm. The eleventh and all subsequent false alarms during the same time period will be billed at \$200 per false alarm.
- e. Notices, Billing and Payment of Fees: A notice will be sent to the alarm user advising of each occurrence of a false alarm. Statements will be mailed monthly detailing the date of each false alarm and the fees due. Payment shall be made to the County within thirty (30) days of the invoice date. In the event of non-payment by a registered user, the Alarm Systems Coordinator will provide written notification to the alarm system company and the alarm system user advising that the user has been removed from the alarm system users registry, possible loss of police response for alarm calls, all false alarm fees must be paid and a statement must be provided by the alarm system company that

the alarm system has been inspected and that the user has been properly trained on the use of the system. Households determined to be eligible for a rebate or waiver of the annual alarm registration fee as described above in Section B for purposes of the ordinance are considered high-risk households and will not be subject to loss of police response unless the household is determined to have had in excess of ten false alarms in a billing cycle. All fees for excessive false alarms at unregistered locations shall be billed at least monthly to the property owner. All fees for false alarm responses caused by failure of an alarm system business to notify police in advance of performing maintenance to an alarm system will be billed to the alarm system business. All such false alarms will be billed at a rate of \$100 per false alarm at least monthly.

- f. Permit Required for Alarm Systems Businesses; Fee Established: Pursuant to Chatham County Code Section 10-304, all businesses engaged in or seeking to engage in an alarm system business shall make application to Chatham County for a permit to operate said business and shall pay a permit fee of \$100. This fee is due annually on July 1st of each year. Permit fees paid after of July 1st will result in a 10% penalty. The application for this permit shall be on a form provided by Chatham County. Failure to comply and pay the fee will subject the business to the enforcement of Chatham County as referenced in Chatham County Code Chapter 16-113.

Section 11 Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices in School Zones:

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Article shall be subject to the civil penalties set forth at O.C.G.A. § 40-14-18(b)(1), as amended, including a fine in the amount of \$75 for a first violation and \$125 for a second or any subsequent violation, in addition to fees associated with the electronic processing of such civil monetary penalty which shall not exceed \$25.

Article R. Engineering Fees

Section 1 Land Disturbing Activity Fees

- a. Single Family Residential Land Disturbing Activities Permit: Four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) per lot.
- b. Other than Single Family Residential Land Disturbing Activities Development Permit: Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) base charge, plus two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per disturbed acre or any pro-rated portion thereof. The total Land Disturbing Activity (LDA) fee cannot exceed sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) for a project that is to be completed within two years from the date of issuance of the Development Permit. For a project that lasts more than two years the total LDA fee shall be an additional one hundred dollars (\$100) per disturbed acre, initially permitted, or any pro-rated portion thereof.
- c. Other than Single Family Residential Land Disturbing Activities Clearing and/or Grading Permit: Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) base charge, plus one hundred dollars (\$100)

per disturbed acre or any pro-rated portion thereof.

- d. Failure to Obtain a Permit: Where land disturbing activities for which a permit is required are started or proceeded with prior to issuance of said permit, the fees herein specified shall be doubled. The payment of such doubled fees shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirements of this code nor from any other penalties as prescribed.
- e. Arborist Residential Plot Plan Review for individual lots: Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per lot.
- f. Arborist Lot Tree Re-Inspection: Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per inspection, required to be paid prior to scheduling 2nd inspection and each subsequent inspection.
- g. Plan Re-review: 25% of original fee, required to be paid prior to starting 4th review and each subsequent review.
- h. Changes to Approved plans (if requested by the applicant prior to field implementation of the proposed changes): 25% of original fee.
- i. Changes to Approved plans (if requested by the applicant after field implementation of the proposed changes): 50% of original fee.
- j. Re-Inspections: Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per inspection, required to be paid prior to scheduling re-inspection of a previously failed inspection.
- k. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Fees: Forty dollars (\$40.00) per acre.
- l. Bond Processing Fee: Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per bond, required to be paid prior to the completion of the final inspection. The total Bond Processing fee cannot exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the project that was permitted.

Section 2 Other Engineering Fees

- a. Residential Water and/or Sewer Plan Review (only developments on County water and/or sewer located inside municipalities): Eighty dollars (\$80.00) per lot.
- b. Commercial and Multi-family Water and/or Sewer Plan Review (only development on County water and/or sewer located inside municipalities): Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) base charge, plus one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00) per acre or any portion thereof with a minimum of three hundred twenty five dollars (\$325.00).
- c. Minor Subdivision and Recombination Plat Review: Three hundred dollars (\$300.00) flat.

- d. Environmental Site Assessment Waiver Requests (With Minor Subdivision Only): Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per request.
- e. Major Subdivision Plat Review: One hundred dollars (\$100.00) per lot.
- f. As-build Plan Review: 25% of original fee, required to be paid prior to starting 2nd review and each subsequent review.

Article S. Recreation Facilities & Program Fees

Section 1 Recreational Facilities

Recreational facilities to include the Parks, Aquatic Center, Weightlifting Center and Henderson Golf Course may be found in Appendix F.

Article T. Inspection Fees

Section 1 Building Inspection Fees

- a. Permit Fees - On all new buildings, structures or alterations requiring a building permit, as set forth in Section 101.2 of the International Building Code, the fee shall be paid as required at the time of filing application in accordance with the following:
 - (1) Residential Construction: Six dollars (\$6.00) fee per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of construction value, with a minimum permit fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00). Construction value is calculated by multiplying the square footage by eighty dollars (\$80.00).
 - (2) Commercial Construction: Seven dollars (\$7.00) fee per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of construction value, with a minimum permit fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00). Construction value is calculated by multiplying the square footage by one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
 - (3) Residential Utility/Miscellaneous Construction: Six dollars (\$6.00) fee per one thousand dollars (\$1000) of construction value, with a minimum permit fee of thirty dollars (\$30). Construction value is calculated by multiplying the square footage by forty dollars (\$40). This permit category includes detached residential garages, accessory structures and carports without electricity, plumbing or heating and air conditioning.
 - (4) Commercial Warehouse Construction: Seven dollars (\$7.00) fee per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of construction value with a minimum fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00). Construction value is calculated by multiplying the square footage by seventy dollars (\$70). This permit category includes storage warehouses, sheds, and utility buildings without electricity, plumbing, or heating and air conditioning.
 - (5) The residential and commercial plan review fee of \$2 per thousand will be collected up front and the remainder permit and inspection fee will be collected

when the permit is issued. This is a non-refundable fee and is considered part of the permit fee.

The total building permit fee is not to exceed \$100,000.00. The total building permit fee shall include the permit fee and the plan review fee, where applicable.

- b. Re-Inspection - Any inspection that does not pass code requirements shall be brought to the attention of the contractor by the inspector, indicating the corrections to be made, and then he shall again inspect the work or apparatus without further charge; but when extra inspections are due to any of the following reasons, a charge of thirty dollars (\$30.00) shall be made for each re-inspection.
 - (1) Repairs or corrections not made when inspections are called.
 - (2) Work not ready for inspection when called. All re-inspection fees shall be paid before any further inspections are made.
 - (3) Building Permit not posted as mandated by the Department of Building Safety and Regulatory Services.
 - (4) Failure To Obtain Permit - Where work for which a permit is required by this code is started or proceeded with prior to obtaining said permit, the fees herein specified shall be doubled, or \$250.00, whichever is greater, fees shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirements of this code in the exception of the work nor from any other penalties as prescribed herein.
- C. Administrative Fees – Any permit that expires before the completion of its scope may be extended as set forth in Administrative Section 105 of the International Building Code. Missing approved permit plans required to be retained on site may be replaced/restamped. The applicable fees shall be paid as follows:
 - (1) Permit extension equals thirty dollars (\$30)
 - (2) Plan replacement equals twenty dollars (\$20)

Section 2 Electrical Inspection Fees

For the installation of electrical only, the following schedule shall apply: fifteen dollars (\$15.00) fee per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) value for the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and three dollars (\$3.00) per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) value for each additional thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) value or fraction thereof.

Section 3 Mechanical Inspection Fees

For new mechanical installation, the following schedule shall apply: fifteen dollars (\$15.00) fee per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) value for the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and three dollars (\$3.00) per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) value for each additional thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) value or fraction thereof.

Section 4 Plumbing Inspection Fees

For the installation of plumbing only, the following schedule shall apply: fifteen dollars (\$15.00) fee per one thousand (\$1,000.00) value for the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and three dollars (\$3.00) per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) value for each additional thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) value or fraction thereof.

Section 5 Safety Inspection Fees

For each safety inspection, the fee shall be twenty five dollars (\$25.00).

Section 6 Manufactured Homes

For each manufactured home inspection, the fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00). This fee is for all applicable work in setting up the home.

Section 7 Docks

For the construction of each dock, the fee shall be per the following:

- a. Residential construction of a dock will be assessed a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) plus a six dollar (\$6.00) fee per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of construction value.
- b. Commercial or Multi-family construction of a dock will be assessed a fee of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) plus a seven dollar (\$7.00) fee per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of construction value.

Section 8 Signs

For the erection of each sign, the fee shall be per the following:

Temporary Sign	\$25.00
Permanent Sign (plus \$ 0.20 per square foot)	\$25.00

Section 9 Moving of Buildings or Structures

For the moving of any building or structure, the fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Section 10 Demolition of Buildings or Structures

For the demolition of any building or structure, the fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) plus fee required in Section 20-308 of the Technical Codes Ordinance of Chatham County.

Section 11 Well Installation

For the installation of each well, the fee shall be per the following:

Shallow well (less than 100 feet)	\$50.00
Deep well – Residential (Single-family)	\$50.00 plus \$6 per thousand of construction value
Deep well - Commercial (Multi-family)	\$50.00 plus \$7 per thousand of construction value
Wellhead Inspection Fee	\$230

Section 12 Air Curtain Destructor

Installation of an air curtain destructor \$50.00

Section 13 Landfills, Mining and Ponds

Installation of and/or activity listed \$50.00

Section 14 Fuel Storage Tanks – Per Site

Installation of above ground/underground fuel storage tanks \$50.00

The site is the actual excavation for underground tanks and the installation location for above ground tanks.

Section 15 Pools -Installation of swimming pools:

Residential (single family) \$35 plus \$6 per thousand of construction value

Commercial (multi-family) \$55 plus \$7 per thousand of construction value

Section 16 Fences

Residential (single family) \$25 plus \$6 per thousand of construction value

Commercial (multi-family) \$30 plus \$7 per thousand of construction value

Section 17 Hazardous Substance Registration Fee

A registration fee is required for facilities using over 10,000 pounds of hazardous substances for person(s) and facilities required to report annually to the Georgia Emergency Response Commission (GERC) and the Chatham County Local Emergency Planning Committee (CCLEPC) in compliance with O.C.G.A. 48-13-9. Registration fee is required no later than May 1st of each year. Fees shall be assessed on the basis of the combined average daily amounts of all hazardous substances as reported for the previous calendar years to GERC & CCLEPC. Fee rates shall be based on the following scale:

The Combined Average Daily Amounts of all Hazardous Substances Reported under SARA Title 111, Section 312	Chatham County Hazardous Materials Registration Fee
1 pound to 9,999 pounds	No registration fee, registration still required
10,000 pounds to 99,999 pounds	\$1,100.00
100,000 pounds to 999,999 pounds	\$2,200.00
1,000,000 pounds or greater	\$3,700.00

The failure of any person to register or to pay the hazardous substance fee by not later than May 1st of each year shall result in the requirement of payment of the original fee due plus a 25% delinquency fee increase of the amount which would have been due if timely paid, said delinquency fee amount not to exceed \$1,000. Failure to pay timely the registration fee or

delinquency fee shall be enforceable in the Recorder's Court of Chatham County.

Additional Information can be found at:

<http://www.chathamemergency.org/PrepareNow/BusinessArticle?articleId=HazmatRegistration>
or in the Chatham County Code Book Chapter 21, Article X, Section 21-1001 at
www.ChathamCounty.org.

Article U. Appeals, Rezoning, Development & Review Fees

Section 1 Zoning Appeals

The Chatham County Commissioners hereby adopt the following Fee Schedule for the administration of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance.

Section 2 Map Amendments

Three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) base fee plus fifty dollars (\$50.00) per acre or any part thereof - Original filing fee at the time of application (includes notification of adjacent property owners, advertisement in local newspaper and administrative costs).

Section 3 Text Amendments

Three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) base fee - Original filing fee at the time of application (includes advertisement in a local newspaper and administrative costs).

Section 4 Board of Appeals

- a. **Application for Variance** - Applications for variances for owner-occupied single-family detached dwellings, including permitted accessory structures: Six hundred twenty dollars (\$620.00) base fee - Original filing fee at the time of application. (Note: Fee includes \$120.00 for Building Safety and Regulatory Services and \$500.00 for MPC costs)
- b. **All Other Applications** - All other applications have a base fee of one thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300.00) - Original filing fee at the time of application. (Note: Fee includes applications to establish a use, request for variances, or any other matter within the purview of the Zoning Board of Appeals) (Note: Fee includes \$120.00 for Building Safety and Regulatory Services and \$1,180.00 for MPC costs).

Section 5 Deferrals

Original filing fees at the time of application:

Deferrals less than sixty days (60)	\$ 50.00
Deferrals greater than sixty days (60)	\$100.00

Section 6 Subdivisions

The Chatham County Commissioners hereby adopt the following Fee Schedule for the administration of the Chatham Subdivision Regulations.

a. Minor Revisions to recorded plat and subdivision recombination

Six hundred dollars (\$600.00) base fee - Original filing fee at the time of applications.

- b. Final Plats**
Minor - Nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) base fee plus one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per lot - Original filing fee at the time of application (includes notification of adjacent property owners, advertisement in local newspaper, and administrative costs).
Major – One thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$1,350.00) base fee plus one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per lot - Original filing fee at the time of application (includes notification of adjacent property owners, advertisement in local newspaper, and administrative costs).
 - c. Preliminary Plans**
One thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300.00) base fee plus twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per lot - Original filing fee at the time of application (includes notification of adjacent property owners, advertisement in local newspaper, and administrative costs).
 - d. Master Plans**
Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) base fee plus twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per lot - Original filing fee at the time of application (includes notification of adjacent property owners, advertisement in local newspaper, and administrative costs).
 - e. Sketch Plans**
One thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750.00) base fee plus twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per lot - Original filing fee at the time of application (includes notification of adjacent property owners, advertisement in local newspaper, and administrative costs).
 - f. Site Plans**
Seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) base fee plus fifty dollars (\$50.00) per acre.
 - g. Addresses** - Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).
 - h. Development of Regional Impact**
Seven hundred seventy five dollars (\$775.00).
 - i. Continuance Fee** – Two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
 - j. Re-Review Fee**
Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) – initial application includes two (2) reviews.
 - k. Post Approval Revisions** - Two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
 - l. Neighborhood Meetings** – Four hundred dollars (\$400.00).
- Section 7 Historic Review Filing Fees**
- a. Application for Historic Property Designation**
1. Property already designated or currently under review for designation as a National

Register Historic Property: One hundred dollars (\$100.00) base fee - original filing fee at the time of application.

2. Property not designated or under review for designation as a National Register Historic Property: Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) base fee - original filing fee at the time of application.

b. Application of Historic or Conservation District Designation

1. District already designated or currently under review for designation as a National Register Historic District: One hundred (\$100.00) base fee plus \$1 for each property included within the proposed District – original filing fee at the time of application.
2. District not designated or under review for designation as a National Register Historic District: Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) base fee plus \$2 for each property included within the proposed District – original filing fee at the time of application.
3. Waiver of District Designation Fee Criteria: The applicant may request in writing a waiver of the District Designation Fee if the median income level for the proposed district is below twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00), as verified on the most recent Census records. If the applicant believes that the Census records do not adequately reflect the current median income level of the proposed district, the applicant may self-report the income of each household located within the proposed district with the head of each household signing a statement attesting to the veracity of the self-reported income level.

c. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness:

1. Staff Review: Fees for the staff review will be determined by the cost of construction, as reported by the Owner, and as outlined below.

Cost of Construction	Fee
\$0 - \$5,000	\$ 25
\$5,000 - \$25,000	\$ 50
\$25,000 - \$50,000	\$ 100
\$50,000 - \$100,000	\$ 150
\$100,000 - \$500,000	\$ 200
\$500,000 - \$1,000,000	\$ 300
\$1,000,000 - \$5,000,000	\$ 500
\$5,000,000 - \$10,000,000	\$ 1,000
Over \$10,000,000	\$ 2,000

2. Board Review – Additions and New Construction: Fees for Board Review of additions over 5000 square feet, and all new construction will be determined by the cost of construction, as calculated by the square footage and use (Residential Construction: square footage multiplied by \$80.00; Commercial Construction: square footage multiplied by \$100.00), and as outlined below.

Cost of Construction	Fee
\$0 - \$5,000	\$ 25
\$5,000 - \$25,000	\$ 50

\$25,000 - \$50,000	\$ 100
\$50,000 - \$100,000	\$ 150
\$100,000 - \$500,000	\$ 200
\$500,000 - \$1,000,000	\$ 300
\$1,000,000 - \$5,000,000	\$ 500
\$5,000,000 - \$10,000,000	\$1,000
Over \$10,000,000	\$2,000

3. Board Review – Demolition: The fee for Board Review of a Demolition of a contributing building will be set at \$500.00.
4. A \$40 fee will be added to each of the above fees to recover the costs of the required sign

d. **Appeal of Staff Decision:** The fee for an appeal of a Staff Decision to the Board will be set at \$200.

e. **“After-the-Fact” Application:** Fees for any application for which work has already started or proceeded prior to obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness, the fees herein specified shall be doubled, but the payment of such doubled fees shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirements of this code in the exception of the work nor from any other penalties as prescribed herein.

Article V. Solid Waste Operations

Section 1 Solid Waste Management Activity Fee

Chatham County collects a two dollar and fifty cents (\$2.50) fee per ton of solid waste materials deposited into private waste disposal facilities (landfills). These funds are placed into a restricted revenue account to be used only for solid waste / recycling / waste reduction initiatives.

Section 2 Solid Waste Fees

For every single family residential unit in the unincorporated area, a Solid Waste Fee will be charged per year. This charge is for solid waste services in the unincorporated area of the county which includes yard waste recycling and curbside bulky item collection. The fee will be included on the 2nd installment real estate property tax bills. The Tax Commissioner is responsible for collecting the fees. Penalties and due dates will be the same as indicated on the tax bill. The fee will be \$85.00 per year per single family residential unit. For purposes of this ordinance, single-family residential means residential properties classified by the County as having one or more dwelling per property or parcel, such as a house with a mother-in-law suite or an additional mobile home. It also includes residential properties with less than one building – a vacant lot with an ancillary structure, such as a garage or dock. A totally vacant lot would be exempt.

Section 3 Solid Waste Pre-paid Fee

All residents who wish to use the residential drop off centers for purposes of disposing of yard waste and bulky items will be required to pay a prepaid \$5.00 fee at the drop off center per month of usage.

Article W. Sewer Service Charges & Fees

Section 1 Application for Sewer Service

All applications for sewer service shall be made in writing on forms furnished by Water Utility Management on line at www.waterga.com or in person at 621 Stephenson Avenue, Savannah, Ga, 31405. Contact Water Utility Management at (912)-352-9339. An application, when accepted, shall constitute a contract. Said contract shall bind the owner or tenant to pay to Water Utility Management for services rendered on the behalf of Chatham County, its prescribed rate and to comply with all the rules and regulations applicable to the service.

Section 2 Sewer Service Fees

Flat Rate	\$ 95.00
Base Rate 0 cubic feet per 2 month billing period	\$ 29.00
0 – 2,000 cubic feet (748 gallons)	\$ 4.50
2,000 cubic feet and up	\$ 5.00
Customer Deposit - Sewer Only	\$ 125.00
Sewer – Special Flat Rate	\$1,388.10
Sewer – Special Deposit Flat Rate	\$ 120.00
Sewer – Irrigation Base Charge	\$ 28.35
Sewer – Bethesda Base Charge	\$ 28.35

Section 3 Tap-In Fees

Sewer	\$ 350.00
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Article X. Public Works

Section 1 Rights-Of-Way Encroachment Permit

The Chatham County Rights-Of-Way Encroachment Ordinance regulates construction activity in County owned right-of-way. Each application must be reviewed and inspected by Public Works staff prior to commencement. Furthermore, staff in the office of the County Engineer must review the application to verify the proposed facility will not conflict with proposed public improvement projects or specimen trees. During construction of the permitted activity, Public Works staff will inspect the activity from time-to-time with the intent of protecting the County infrastructure - particularly below ground. At the completion of the permitted activity, staff will inspect the site to insure the County right-of-way is replaced to the pre-activity condition.

The application fee for Rights-Of-Way Encroachment is fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Section 2 Penalty Fee

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be grounds for revocation of the permit issued under this Ordinance and reason for not issuing future permits to the permittee or owner concerned. In addition, failure to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance, including, but not limited to obtaining or applying for an encroachment permit, upon conviction thereof, shall result in a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or imprisonment in the County Jail for not more than thirty (30) days, for any single offense, or any combination thereof,

and in addition, the payment of all costs and expenses involved in the case. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent Chatham County from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation of this Ordinance.

Section 3 Additional Details

Additional detailed information regarding Rights-Of-Way Encroachment may be obtained from the Rights-Of-Way Encroachment Ordinance.

Article Y. Street Paving

Section 1 Citizen Participation Paving

Under the Chatham County Citizens Participation Ordinance, Chatham County established uniform rates to charge property owners for street paving. Under this ordinance, the charge per foot of property fronting a newly paved street is thirty three dollars (\$33.00). Where the newly paved street contains curbs and gutters, the charge per foot is fifty dollars (\$50.00). Areas with sanitary sewer lines are required to have curbs and gutters.

Article Z. Street Lighting

Section 1 Street Lighting Rates

In 1990, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners adopted uniform street lighting rates. Billing for street lighting is generated annually by the Chatham County Tax Commissioner's Office on property tax bills. The current rates are:

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>(\$) Cost Per Lot</u>	<u>(\$) Admin Fee Per Lot</u>	<u>\$ Total Cost Per Lot</u>
Rate 01	5560	25.00	1.00	26.00
Rate 02	3096	28.00	1.00	29.00
Rate 03	4431	35.00	1.00	36.00
Rate 04	75	38.00	1.00	39.00
Rate 05	45	47.00	1.00	48.00
Rate 06	37	55.00	1.00	56.00
Rate 07	47	64.00	1.00	65.00
Rate 08	145	72.00	1.00	73.00
Rate 09	7	80.00	1.00	81.00
Rate 10	1	92.00	1.00	93.00
Rate 11	9	104.00	1.00	105.00
Rate 27	49	296.00	1.00	297.00

The rates are based upon Georgia Power Company's charges.

Article AA. Abandoned Motor Vehicles

Section 1 Definition

An abandoned motor vehicle is defined as any motor vehicle parked on private property, whether operative or inoperative, which does not have affixed thereto a valid, current state motor vehicle tag.

Section 2 Decal Required

The Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department shall issue a decal for abandoned motor vehicles, bearing the make, model and serial number of said vehicle, location, and owner, provided all applicable taxes have been paid. Application for said decal shall be made each quarter by the owner. The decal issued shall be affixed to the abandoned motor vehicle in such manner as to cause it to be easily visible for inspection. No person shall allow or permit more than one abandoned motor vehicle on their property at one given time.

Section 3 Registration

The owners of abandoned motor vehicles must register said motor vehicles as hereinbefore set forth, and shall pay to said Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) for issuance of the decal quarterly.

Article BB. Alcoholic Beverage Licenses

Section 1 Filing Application

Every person engaged in either a retail or wholesale alcoholic beverage business, as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, shall file an application for a license to conduct such business with the Building Safety & Regulatory Services, Business License Division of Chatham County, Georgia, to be approved by the Chatham County Commissioners, before engaging in or continuing said business.

Section 2 Fees

The license fees are hereby fixed and assessed on an annual basis or on a prorated basis as set forth in Article CC, Section 9, of this Ordinance. Fees shall be paid annually to the Chatham County Commissioners. In addition, a one-time non-refundable application processing fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be charged for all new alcoholic beverage license applications, except Sunday sales licenses, where the application fee is paid annually. No license for the sale of alcoholic beverages shall be transferable. The following classification of each business is hereby established.

- a. Each retail beer dealer shall pay an annual license fee of five hundred eighty dollars (\$580.00).
- b. Each wholesale beer dealer shall pay an annual license fee of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00). This license shall include the right to sell only to wholesalers or retailers holding licenses to sell beer.
- c. Each retail liquor dealer selling liquor by the package only, shall pay an annual license fee of two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400.00), for each retail establishment selling liquor by the drink two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400.00). When a retail liquor package store and retail establishment selling liquor by the drink are both located in the same building and both are under one ownership, the combined license fee shall be three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00).
- d. Each wholesale liquor dealer shall pay an annual license fee of five thousand dollars

(\$5,000.00). This shall include the right to sell only to wholesalers or retailers holding licenses to sell liquor.

- e. Each distiller or manufacturer of alcoholic beverages shall pay an annual license fee of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).
- f. Each retail wine dealer shall pay an annual license fee of five hundred eighty dollars (\$580.00).
- g. Each wholesale wine dealer shall pay an annual license fee of one thousand five hundred (\$1,500.00). This license shall include the right to sell only to wholesalers and retailers holding licenses to sell wine.
- h. Every person engaged in more than one of the businesses provided for in this section and in the Ordinance shall pay the aforesaid license fees for each business engaged in and each such beverage sold. The business name as it appears on the license must be the same as the advertised name at the business location.
- i. Every person engaged in any of the businesses provided for in this section and in the Ordinance shall pay the aforesaid license fees for every separate place in which he transacts or engages in business. Any person engaging in said business after July 1st shall pay prorated 50% of the annual fee.

There shall be no deduction in annual license fee for wholesalers.

- k. License shall expire at the end of each calendar year, and may be renewed only in the manner and form as provided in this Ordinance for the original granting of license. Failure to renew Alcoholic Beverage License by January 31st of each year shall incur the following penalty charges:
 - (1) An execution of one half the regularly required fees.
 - (2) Failure to renew business tax certificate by January 31st of any year shall be subject to subpoena to The Magistrate Court of Chatham County for violation of this Ordinance and subject to a penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

Section 3 Sunday Sales

Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages are a privileged license and must meet all requirements outlined in the ordinance. License fees are as follows:

Application Fee	annually	\$ 25.00
Sunday Sales License Fee	annually	\$200.00

Article CC. Business / Occupational Tax

Section 1 Levy of Business Tax

For the year 1995 and succeeding years, each person engaged in any business, occupation, or profession in the unincorporated limits of Chatham County, Georgia, whether from a fixed

location in Chatham County or as an out-of-state business with no location in Georgia but which exerts substantial efforts within the state and in the unincorporated limits of Chatham County jurisdiction, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-13-7, shall pay to Chatham County a business tax according to the provisions of this article.

Section 2 Purpose and Scope of Tax

The business tax levied herein is for revenue purposes only and is not for regulatory purposes. The business tax applies only to businesses and occupations which are covered by the provisions of O.C.G.A. 48-13-5 through 48-13-25. Other applicable businesses and occupations are subject to Chatham County taxes pursuant to pertinent general law and/or Chatham County ordinance.

Section 3 Definitions

The following words and terms shall have the meanings shown below when used in this Article:

Business - Any person, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity which exerts substantial efforts within the unincorporated limits of Chatham County, engages in, causes to be engaged in, and/or represents or holds out to the public to be engaged in any occupation or activity with the object of gain or benefit, either directly or indirectly.

Business Tax - A tax levied for revenue raising purposes on persons, firms, partnerships, corporations, and other entities for engaging in a business, occupation or profession.

Administrative Fee - A component of a business tax which approximates the reasonable cost of registering, renewing, handling, processing and enforcement of the business tax, and issuing the business tax certificate.

Regulatory Fee - A regulatory fee, as provided under O.C.G.A. 48-13-9, is any payment to Chatham County, whether designated as a license fee, permit fee, or by another name, which Chatham County requires as an exercise of its police power and as a part of or an aid to regulation of a business, occupation, or profession. The amount of a regulatory fee shall approximate the reasonable cost of the actual regulatory activity performed by Chatham County. Businesses subject to regulatory fees are identified in Section 16-132 of Chatham County Code, entitled Regulatory Fees and References. A regulatory fee may not include an administrative fee. Development impact fees as defined by O.C.G.A. 36-71-2(8), or other costs of zoning or land development are not regulatory fees.

Business Tax Certificate - The document issued by the Chatham County Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department to a business, occupation, or profession which gives evidence of compliance with the requirements of this Article and payment of a business tax for the year. The certificate shows name and address of the business, business type, and other pertinent information, but not the amount of tax paid. The name in which a business is transacted and advertised must be the same as the name in which the tax certificate is issued. Failure to comply with this ordinance is grounds for revocation or suspension of business tax certificate.

Gross Income – Inclusions – Gross income mean the total revenue of the business or practitioner for the period, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Total income produced from within the State of Georgia, whether produced from inside or outside the County unincorporated limits, unless the business or practitioner has already paid a business or occupation tax on the income produced outside the County;
- b. Total income without deduction for cost of goods or expenses incurred;
- c. Gain from trading in stocks, bonds, capital assets, or instruments of indebtedness;
- d. Proceeds from commissions on the sale of property, goods or services;
- e. Proceeds from fees for services rendered; and
- f. Proceeds from rent, interest, royalty, or dividend income.

Gross Income - Exclusions - Gross income shall not include the following:

- a. Sales, use or excise tax;
- b. Sales returns, allowances, and discounts;
- c. Proceeds from sales to customers outside the state of Georgia;
- d. Payments made to a subcontractor or an independent agent;
- e. Gross income on alcoholic beverage sales covered by an alcohol license;
- f. Inter-organizational sales or transfers between or among the units of a brother-sister controlled group of corporations as defined by 26 U.S.C. & 1563(a) (2), or between or among wholly owned partnerships or other wholly owned entities;
- g. Governmental and foundation grants, charitable contributions, or the interest income derived from such funds received by a nonprofit organization which employs salaried practitioners otherwise covered by this Ordinance, if such funds constitute eighty percent (80%) or more of the organization's income; and,
- h. State or local authorities or nonprofit organizations.

Refunds - Refunds will be made for new tax certificate fees paid in advance, but denied by issuing agent. No other refunds may be made for tax certificates issued under the provision of this Ordinance, except by the direction of the Board of Commissioners.

Business Location - Shall include any structure or vehicle where a business, profession, or occupation is conducted, but shall not include a temporary or construction work site which

serves a single customer or project or a vehicle used for sales or delivery by a business or practitioner of a profession or occupation which has a location or office.

Dominant Business Activity - The activity which is the major source of income of a business that conducts multiple activities. Such dominant business activity represents the largest percentage of business revenues but may not represent a majority of revenues. Businesses are classified according to dominant business activity.

Practitioner of Profession or Occupation - A person who is licensed and regulated by the State of Georgia for engaging in a profession or occupation. For purposes of this Article, practitioners of a profession or occupation shall not include a practitioner who, on an annual basis, is an employee of a business and the business pays a business tax pursuant to this Article.

Seasonal Business - A business that is conducted exclusively during a time of the year marked by a special activity or season. Businesses that are recognized as seasonal will not be required to renew their tax certificate by the yearly deadline, will have no proration of fees, and no late penalty. They are identified in the classification schedule by an "S" following the NAICS code number.

Section 4 Business Tax Fee Structure

- a. Administrative Fee - A non-pro-ratable, non-refundable administrative fee, as provided in the Business Tax Schedule, Section 5 of the Chatham County Code, shall be required on all general business tax accounts for the initial application, renewal, handling, processing, and enforcement of those accounts. Such administrative fee shall be included in the business tax amounts shown in the Business Tax Schedule.
- b. Business Tax -
 - (1) A business tax shall be levied upon those businesses with one or more locations or offices in the unincorporated area of Chatham County and upon the applicable out-of-state businesses with no location or office in Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-13-7, based upon gross income of the business or practitioner in combination with the profitability ratio for the type of business, occupation, or profession as measured by nationwide averages.
 - (2) Classification by NAICS. Businesses and professions within the unincorporated area of Chatham County shall be classified by dominant business activity into occupation groups according to the classification structure set forth in the North American Industry Classification System, published by the U.S. Government, Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, 2002 edition. See classification schedule, Section 16-133 of Chatham County Code.
 - (3) Business Profitability Classes. Businesses shall be assigned to profitability classes by the first two (2) digits of the North American Industry Classification (NAIC) number. Profitability classes shall reflect business profitability ratios, as measured by nationwide averages derived from statistics, classifications, or

other information published by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or successor agencies.

The six profitability classes with tax rates expressed as decimals are incorporated into The Business Tax Schedule in Section 16-105 of Chatham County Code.

Profitability Class	Brackets (per \$1,000.00)
A	\$ 0.47
B	\$ 0.57
C	\$ 0.67
D	\$ 0.77
E	\$ 0.87
F	\$ 0.97

Section 5 Business Tax Schedule

The business tax amounts, including administrative fees, for the various brackets or ranges of gross income in each profitability class are as follows:

Chatham County, Georgia
Business Tax Schedule - Profitability Class A
(Class - \$0.47 per \$1,000 of Gross Income)
Includes administrative fee of \$75.00

Bracket	Gross Income Brackets Range in Dollars			Tax (\$)	Bracket	Gross Income Brackets Range in Dollars			Tax (\$)
1	1	-	30,000	82	9	2,000,001	-	3,000,000	1,250
2	30,001	-	100,000	105	10	3,000,001	-	4,000,000	1,720
3	100,001	-	200,000	145	11	4,000,001	-	5,000,000	2,190
4	200,001	-	300,000	192	12	5,000,001	-	6,000,000	2,660
5	300,001	-	500,000	263	13	6,000,001	-	8,000,000	3,365
6	500,001	-	750,000	368	14	8,000,001	-	10,000,000	4,305
7	750,001	-	1,000,000	486	15	10,000,001	-	and over	4,775
8	1,000,001	-	2,000,000	780					

Chatham County, Georgia
Business Tax Schedule - Profitability Class B
(Class - \$0.57 per \$1,000 of Gross Income)
Includes administrative fee of \$75.00

Bracket	Gross Income Brackets Range in Dollars			Tax (\$)	Bracket	Gross Income Brackets Range in Dollars			Tax (\$)
1	1	-	30,000	84	9	2,000,001	-	3,000,000	1,500
2	30,001	-	100,000	112	10	3,000,001	-	4,000,000	2,070
3	100,001	-	200,000	160	11	4,000,001	-	5,000,000	2,640
4	200,001	-	300,000	217	12	5,000,001	-	6,000,000	3,210
5	300,001	-	500,000	303	13	6,000,001	-	8,000,000	4,065
6	500,001	-	750,000	431	14	8,000,001	-	10,000,000	5,205
7	750,001	-	1,000,000	574	15	10,000,001	-	and over	5,775
8	1,000,001	-	2,000,000	930					

Chatham County, Georgia
Business Tax Schedule - Profitability Class C
(Class - \$0.67 per \$1,000 of Gross Income)
Includes administrative fee of \$75.00

Bracket	Gross Income Brackets Range in Dollars			Tax (\$)	Bracket	Gross Income Brackets Range in Dollars			Tax (\$)
1	1	-	30,000	85	9	2,000,001	-	3,000,000	1,725
2	30,001	-	100,000	118	10	3,000,001	-	4,000,000	2,420
3	100,001	-	200,000	175	11	4,000,001	-	5,000,000	3,090
4	200,001	-	300,000	242	12	5,000,001	-	6,000,000	3,760
5	300,001	-	500,000	343	13	6,000,001	-	8,000,000	4,765
6	500,001	-	750,000	493	14	8,000,001	-	10,000,000	6,105
7	750,001	-	1,000,000	661	15	10,000,001	-	and over	6,775
8	1,000,001	-	2,000,000	1,080					

Chatham County, Georgia
Business Tax Schedule - Profitability Class D
(Class - \$0.77 per \$1,000 of Gross Income)
Includes administrative fee of \$75.00

Bracket	Gross Income Brackets Range in Dollars			Tax (\$)	Bracket	Gross Income Brackets Range in Dollars			Tax (\$)
1	1	-	30,000	86	9	2,000,001	-	3,000,000	2,000
2	30,001	-	100,000	125	10	3,000,001	-	4,000,000	2,770

3	100,001	-	200,000	190	11	4,000,001	-	5,000,000	3,540
4	200,001	-	300,000	267	12	5,000,001	-	6,000,000	4,310
5	300,001	-	500,000	383	13	6,000,001	-	8,000,000	5,465
6	500,001	-	750,000	556	14	8,000,001	-	10,000,000	7,005
7	750,001	-	1,000,000	748	15	10,000,001	-	and over	7,775
8	1,000,001	-	2,000,000	1,230					

Chatham County, Georgia
Business Tax Schedule - Profitability Class E
(Class - \$0.87 per \$1,000 of Gross Income)
Includes administrative fee of \$75.00

Bracket	Gross Income Brackets Range in Dollars			Tax (\$)	Bracket	Gross Income Brackets Range in Dollars			Tax (\$)
1	1	-	30,000	88	9	2,000,001	-	3,000,000	2,250
2	30,001	-	100,000	131	10	3,000,001	-	4,000,000	3,120
3	100,001	-	200,000	205	11	4,000,001	-	5,000,000	3,990
4	200,001	-	300,000	292	12	5,000,001	-	6,000,000	4,860
5	300,001	-	500,000	423	13	6,000,001	-	8,000,000	6,165
6	500,001	-	750,000	618	14	8,000,001	-	10,000,000	7,905
7	750,001	-	1,000,000	836	15	10,000,001	-	and over	8,775
8	1,000,001	-	2,000,000	1,380					

Chatham County, Georgia
Business Tax Schedule - Profitability Class F
(Class - \$0.97 per \$1,000 of Gross Income)
Includes administrative fee of \$75.00

Bracket	Gross Income Brackets Range in Dollars			Tax (\$)	Bracket	Gross Income Brackets Range in Dollars			Tax (\$)
1	1	-	30,000	89	9	2,000,001	-	3,000,000	2,500
2	30,001	-	100,000	138	10	3,000,001	-	4,000,000	3,470

3	100,001	-	200,000	220	11	4,000,001	-	5,000,000	4,440
4	200,001	-	300,000	317	12	5,000,001	-	6,000,000	5,410
5	300,001	-	500,000	463	13	6,000,001	-	8,000,000	6,865
6	500,001	-	750,000	681	14	8,000,001	-	10,000,000	8,805
7	750,001	-	1,000,000	875	15	10,000,001	-	and over	9,775
8	1,000,001	-	2,000,000	1,530					

Section 6 Business Tax Restrictions and Authorizations

- a. No business or practitioner shall be required to pay more than one business tax for each of its locations.
- b. No business tax will be required upon more than 100% of a business' gross Income classification.
- c. A business tax shall be required from real estate brokers, agents, or companies whose offices are located outside the taxing jurisdiction and who sell property inside the taxing jurisdiction per O.C.G.A. 48-13-17.

Any business which is registered with Chatham County and pays a business tax based on gross Income in combination with profitability ratios shall be permitted to conduct its same business activities from a temporary site:

- (1) during recognized public festivals and;
- (2) with a group of registered dealers in a "show" arrangement, provided that any such temporary site shall meet all Chatham County zoning and building code requirements. This provision shall not apply to alcoholic beverage dealers (Chatham County Alcoholic Beverages Code), or to any other business regulated by Chatham County.

Section 7 Business Tax Certificate Required

No person shall conduct business from a location within the unincorporated limits of Chatham County without first registering with the County Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department. Each location shall be considered a separate business for purposes of this Article. Upon payment by the business of the required business tax, the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department shall issue a business tax certificate to the business.

The business owner shall display such business tax certificate in a conspicuous place within the business premises, if the taxpayer has a permanent business location in Chatham County jurisdiction. If the taxpayer has no permanent business location in Chatham County, such business tax certificate shall be kept on the person or within the vehicle of the registered business.

Any business tax certificate issued under this Article shall be shown upon demand to any authorized employee of the Building Safety & Regulatory Department, Police Department, or other County Department engaged in performing its authorized function. If any person should fail or refuse to show a business tax certificate upon demand of any authorized County employee, such person shall be in violation of this Article.

Section 8 Business Tax Returns; Procedures

- a. Return to be filed. All business taxes levied under this Article (except for professionals electing to pay a flat fee) are levied on the gross income of the current calendar year. However, for convenience of both Chatham County and the taxpayer, each business subject to the business tax shall, on or before March 1 of the current calendar year, file with the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department, a signed return, along with a copy of the entity's Federal Tax Return (where applicable-renewals), showing the gross income bracket representing the total actual income of that business during the preceding calendar year. This return shall be used to determine the final tax for the calendar year just completed and as an estimate of the gross income and business tax for the current year. The tax return for professionals shall show the election to pay either on gross income or a flat fee.
- b. Operations for part of preceding year. Where a business has been in operation for only a part of the preceding year, the amount of gross income for such part shall be reported in said return. The return shall also show a figure putting income for such part of a year on an annual basis with the part-year income bearing the same ratio for the whole-year income as the part year bears to the whole year. Said figure shall be the estimate of gross income of the business for the current calendar year in establishing the business tax liability.
- c. New business. In the case of a new business which did not operate for any period of time within the unincorporated limits of Chatham County during the preceding years, the owner or other person liable for business tax shall estimate on an application form the gross income bracket representing revenues from the date business is to begin within Chatham County to the end of the calendar year. Business tax on such estimates shall be paid before business activities begin. Businesses applying for a new tax certificate that shows "Inc." or "Incorporated" in the business name must submit a copy of the state incorporation acceptance certificate, or copy of the yearly renewal form, showing the incorporated name as registered in the state. Business name will not reflect "Inc." unless this document is on file. (Does not necessarily have to be Georgia).
- d. Prorated Business Tax. New tax certificates issued between July 1st and December 31st, shall have Business Tax prorated to one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the yearly rate, unless otherwise stated in this ordinance. Administrative fees, Regulatory fees and businesses designated as seasonal are not pro-ratable.
- e. Payment of Tax. Based on the gross income bracket identified on the above-described return, each business shall determine the business tax amount for its profitability class

from the Business Tax Schedule provided by the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department with the return form. Such business shall submit payment of that tax amount along with the return by the due date prescribed by this Article.

- f. Underpayment of Tax. If the amount of business tax paid for the preceding year based on the prior year's estimate is less than the amount of business tax due for the preceding year based on gross income reported on the current year's return, the difference shall be due and payable. The Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department will calculate the additional tax due for the preceding year, using the tax rate for that year, and will issue a bill for that amount. Such bill shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the date rendered.
- g. Overpayment of Tax. If the amount of business tax paid for the preceding year based on the prior year's estimate exceeds the amount of business tax due for the preceding year based on gross income reported on the current year's return, the difference is refundable to the taxpayer. The Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department will calculate the amount of overpayment for the preceding year, using the tax rate for that year, and will initiate a request for refund of that amount.

Section 9 Duration of Business Tax Certificate

Each business tax certificate shall be for the calendar year, or the remaining portion thereof, and each succeeding calendar year. Such certificate shall expire on December 31st of the year of issuance; provided, however, that a registered business may continue to operate on its previous year's expired certificate until the due date for renewal.

Section 10 Due Date

Business taxes, and any applicable regulatory fees shall be due and payable in full to the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department as of January 1st of each year and shall, if not paid by March 1st of each year, be subject to delinquency penalties as prescribed in this Article. On any new business or profession begun in the unincorporated area of Chatham County in 1995 or succeeding years, the tax shall be delinquent if not paid prior to beginning business within Chatham County.

Section 11 Delinquency Fees

Where registration and payment of business tax is past due and unpaid, a delinquency fee of the greater of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or ten percent (10%) of the amount due shall be imposed from the due date. Any business which fails to register and pay a business tax before engaging in business within the Chatham County jurisdiction shall be considered delinquent and shall, in addition to the above, be subject to an additional fee of fifty percent (50%) greater than the tax fee due for a full year, except businesses that are classified as seasonal.

Any business, including, but not limited to; owner, corporation, partnership or other legal entity that declares to be out of business, or fails to renew their tax certificate, then later, (within one (1) year) reapplies for, or has an immediate family member to

apply for a new tax certificate for the same or similar classification under the same or different business name, shall pay the full year's tax certificate fee in addition to applicable late penalties.

Section 12 Penalty For Violation

If any person transacts or offers to transact business within the unincorporated area of Chatham County without first having registered and paid the business tax, and if any person transacts or offers to transact business within the unincorporated limits of Chatham County after said business tax becomes delinquent, such vendor shall, upon conviction in the Magistrate Court of the City of Savannah and Chatham County, be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or sentenced to confinement in jail for not more than thirty (30) days, either or both, at the discretion of the Magistrate Court Judge.

Section 13 Business Tax on Business with No Location in Georgia

A business tax is hereby imposed on those businesses and practitioners of professions with no location or office in the State of Georgia if the business's largest dollar volume of business in Georgia is in the unincorporated limits of Chatham County and the business or practitioner:

- a. pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-13-7, has one or more employees or agents who exert substantial efforts within the unincorporated area of Chatham County for the purpose of soliciting business or serving customers or clients; or
- b. owns personal or real property which generates income and which is located within the unincorporated limits of Chatham County.

Out-of-state businesses with no location in Georgia shall be assessed business taxes based on the gross income of the business as defined in O.C.G.A. 48-13-7 which are reasonably attributed to sales or services in the state of Georgia.

Section 14 Allocation of Gross Income of Business With Multiple Locations

For those businesses that have multiple locations inside and outside of the unincorporated limits of Chatham County, where the gross income can be allocated to each location, the gross income used to determine the business tax assessed will be those gross income distributed to each location within the jurisdiction of Chatham County. Where the dollar amount of gross income attributed locally cannot be determined in those businesses with multiple locations, the total gross income will be divided by the total number of locations in Chatham County and elsewhere and allotted to those locations. Upon request, the business or practitioner with a location or office situated in more than one jurisdiction shall provide to the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department the following:

- a. financial information necessary to allocate the gross income of the business or practitioner; and
- b. information relating to the allocation of the business's or practitioner's business tax assessed by other local governments.

Where the business has locations outside of the unincorporated limits of Chatham County and taxation is levied for criteria other than gross income in the other local governments, Chatham County shall not tax more than the allotted share of gross Income for the local operation.

Section 15 Exemption For Non-Profit Charitable Organizations

No person or firm on which a business tax is levied by this Article shall be exempt from said tax on the ground that such business is operated for a charitable purpose unless fifty percent (50%) or more of the entire proceeds from said business are devoted to such purpose. This exemption shall not apply to any such organization conducting business in an industry which is regulated by Chatham County ordinance. A non-profit charitable organization is defined as an organization which is classified as non-profit by the Federal Internal Revenue Service and is exempt from Federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Service regulations. The Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department may require evidence of allocation of income to charitable purpose and evidence of tax exempt status before exemption is granted. Exemption from registration and payment of business tax does not exempt any such business from compliance with Chatham County's zoning, building code, and other regulations. Any exemption granted shall be subject to revocation in the event any said organization should fail to maintain its tax exempt status.

Section 16 Veteran's Certificate of Exemption

Each person operating a business in Chatham County jurisdiction under a Veteran's Certificate of Exemption issued by the State of Georgia, Department of Veterans Service, shall, before conducting such business, file with the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department an application for a free business tax certificate on a form furnished by the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department. Such application shall provide the name of the veteran, location of the proposed business, and other pertinent information about the operations of such business. An application for a free business tax certificate shall be subject to the same conditions for approval as a regular business tax certificate. No person other than the applicant may be employed by such business.

Section 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Exemption

Each person operating a business in the Chatham County jurisdiction as a client of the State Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, after being certified by such agency, shall before conducting business file an application for a free business tax certificate with the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department on a form furnished by the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department. Such application shall provide the name of the client, location of the proposed business, and other pertinent information regarding the operation of such business. Such application for a free business tax certificate shall be subject to the same conditions for approval as a regular business tax certificate. No person other than the applicant may be employed by such business.

Section 18 Free Permit For Charitable or Religious Solicitor

Pursuant to the Transient Merchant, Peddler, and Solicitor Ordinance, the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department is authorized to issue a permit, as defined by Chatham County

Code, Article III, Section 16-302, paragraph (6), to any qualifying solicitor for charitable or religious purposes, and to any solicitor for subscriptions, as defined by paragraph (7) of said Code section. Application shall be made on forms to be provided by the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department. Said permit shall be free of charge, except that there shall

be a twenty five dollars (\$25.00) administrative fee to defray administrative costs of issuing a permit.

Section 19 Evidence of State Licensing Required if Applicable

Each person who is required to be licensed by the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A., Title 43, shall provide evidence of proper and current state licensing before any initial Chatham County business tax certificate may be issued.

Section 20 Evidence of Qualification Required if Applicable

Any person required to obtain health permits, bonds, certificates of qualification, certificates of competency, or any other regulatory matter shall first, before the issuance of a Chatham County business tax certificate, show evidence that such requirements have been met.

Section 21 Businesses Not Covered by This Article

The following businesses are not covered by the provisions of this Article but may be assessed a business tax or other type of tax pursuant to the provisions of other general laws of the State of Georgia or by Local Law:

- a. Alcoholic beverage establishments governed by Chatham County Code, Chapter 16, Article I, Section 16-134.
- b. Insurance companies governed by O.C.G.A. 33-8-8, et seq., and Chapter 16, Article I, Section 16-135 of the Chatham County Code.
- c. Depository financial institutions governed by O.C.G.A. 48-6-93, and Chapter 16, Article I, Section 16-136 of the Chatham County Code.
- d. Those businesses regulated by the Georgia Public Service Commission.
- e. Those electrical service businesses organized under O.C.G.A., Title 46, Chapter 3.
- f. Any farm operation for the production from or on the land of agricultural products, but not including agribusiness.
- g. Cooperative marketing associations governed by O.C.G.A. 2-10-105.
- h. Motor common carriers governed by O.C.G.A. 46-7-15.
- i. Those businesses governed by O.C.G.A. 48-5-355. (Businesses that purchase carload lots of guano, meats, meal, flour, bran, cottonseed, or cottonseed meal and hulls.)
- j. Facilities operated by a charitable trust governed by O.C.G.A. 48-1355.

- k. Agricultural products and livestock raised in the State of Georgia governed by O.C.G.A. 48-5-356.

The Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department may require any business claiming not to be covered by the provisions of this Article to provide specific and detailed evidence showing such non-coverage.

Section 22 Business Tax Inapplicable Where Prohibited By Law or Provided For Pursuant To Other Existing Law

A business tax shall not apply to any part of a business where such levy is prohibited or exempted by the laws of Georgia or of the United States.

Section 23 Gross Income Information Confidential

Except for judicial or other proceedings necessary to collect the business tax hereby levied, it shall be unlawful for any officer, employee, agent, or clerk of Chatham County, or any other person to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of gross Income or the gross Income bracket set forth or disclosed in any business tax return required under this Article, or the amount of business tax paid if based on gross Income. Gross income information shall be confidential and open only to the officials, employees, agents, or clerks of Chatham County using said information for the purpose of this business tax levy and collection of the tax. Independent auditors or bookkeepers employed by Chatham County shall be classed as employees and told of this confidentiality requirement. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the publication by County officials of statistics and other business information, classified and presented in such a manner so as to prevent the disclosure of the gross income of particular businesses. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit inspection of business tax records, including gross income information, by duly qualified employees of the tax departments of the State of Georgia, the United States and other local governments.

Section 24 Authority to Enter Business

For the purpose of classifying business activity or otherwise administering this Article, the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department, through its officers, agents, employees, or representatives shall have authority to enter any business premises at any reasonable time during regular business hours when said business is open to the public, or at another time arranged with the business.

The Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department, through its officers, agents, employees, or representatives, may inspect the books and records of a business for the purpose of determining the accuracy of the information provided on the returns and shall have the right to inspect the books and records of the business at the registered business location in Chatham County, Georgia. Further, upon request of the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department, such business shall submit books and records within thirty (30) days to the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department office for inspection by a representative of Chatham County. Failure to make such books and records available at the business location and failure

to submit such books and records to the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department within 30 days if so requested shall be considered a violation of this Article.

Adequate records shall be kept or made available in Chatham County, Georgia, for examination by the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department.

If, after examination of the books or records, it is determined that a deficiency occurred as a result of under-reporting, such deficiency, plus a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the past due tax amount, shall be immediately paid by the business.

Section 25 Administrative and Enforcement Provisions

If at any time, the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department has reason to believe that the dominant business activity has changed or has been misreported, or that the gross Income bracket has changed or has been miscalculated or misreported, the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department may require the owner, operator, or an officer of such business to submit an affidavit setting forth under oath the dominant business activity and gross income bracket determined according to this Article.

The Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department shall have authority to require any business to provide a copy of the page or section of its Federal and/or State income tax return which shows gross income of the business, and to require that the owner, operator or an officer of the business certify under oath that such copy is true and correct. Any such required information shall be limited to that which discloses gross business income and any adjustments made to calculate the gross Income reported to Chatham County for business tax purposes.

The Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department shall have authority to require any business to provide a statement from a licensed and practicing Public Accountant (who is not an employee of the business) such statement to set forth and certify the gross income, or gross income bracket, upon which the business tax is based, along with a full and complete explanation of any adjustments to gross Income.

All financial information provided by a business under this section shall be subject to the confidentiality provisions of Section 22 above.

Failure to provide such financial information to the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department within thirty days (30) if so requested shall be considered a violation of this Article.

If examination of the financial information provided by a business shows that a deficiency occurred as a result of under reporting, such business shall immediately pay the deficiency, plus a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the past due tax amount.

Section 26 Affidavit Authorized

If at any time during the tax year, the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department has reason to believe that the dominant business activity has changed or has been misreported, or

that the profitability ratio bracket has changed or has been miscalculated or misreported, the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department may require such business to submit a sworn affidavit setting forth under oath the dominant business activity and profitability ratio bracket as determined according to this Article.

Section 27 Rules and Regulations

The Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department shall have the power and authority to make and publish reasonable rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Ordinance or any other state or federal laws, for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance including the collection of the business occupational tax fees hereunder.

Section 28 Registration For Business Not Covered In Schedule

When for good and sufficient reasons it may become proper to require registration for business tax purposes of any person or persons, whether resident or non-resident, engaging or proposing to engage in a business or occupation within Chatham County jurisdiction, where such business activity is not specifically included in the Listing of Business Types, the Building Safety & Regulatory Director may establish and implement an appropriate business category and a just and equitable business tax rate for such activity.

Section 29 Requirement for Public Hearing Before Tax Increase

After January 1, 1995, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners shall conduct at least one public hearing before adopting any ordinance or resolution which will increase the business tax as set forth in this Article.

Section 30 Suspension and Revocation

No business tax certificate issued under this Article shall be subject to revocation by the Commission Chairman and Board of Commissioners unless or until the registered business has been notified of the intention to revoke the same and said registered business has been afforded an opportunity to be heard as to the proposed grounds for revocation; provided, however, that in case of denial, suspension or revocation of any alcoholic beverage license, the provisions of the Chatham County Code, Section 17-118, shall apply.

Section 31 Regulatory Fees and References

- a. Regulatory Fees - Any business of the type listed below operating within the unincorporated limits of Chatham County shall pay either a regulatory fee, or business tax, but not both, to Chatham County or other jurisdiction:

NAICS	Business Type	Period	Fee
713110	Amusement Park, Circus, Carnival - Itinerants (Ref. 5)	Daily	\$200.00
R56199	Auctioneer - Transient (Ref. 35)	Daily Maximum	\$100.00 \$500.00
R5960	Book & Magazine Canvasser (Ref. 35) (Co. Code, Article II, Sec. 16-201 (Amend: 1/25/91)	No regulatory fee \$25.00 application fee	

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Business Type</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Fee</u>
R5913	Drug Paraphernalia (Co. Code, Article II, Sec. 11-201 thru 209)	Annually	\$150.00
R81299	Escort Service (Ref. 30)	Annually	\$470.00
R8129A	Fortune Teller (Ref. 20)	Annually	\$1,320.00
R5969	Going Out of Business Sale, Distress Sale	Per Sale	\$240.00
563312	Landfill (Co. Code, Article XII, Sec. 16)	No regulatory fee	
R8129B	Massage Parlor, Masseuse (Masseur) (Ref. 27)	Annually	\$2,000.00
R53119	Mobile Home Park (Ref. 28) Up to 50 spaces Over 50 spaces	Per Space Per Space Maximum	\$5.00 \$15.00 \$900.00
R42194	Precious Metals Dealer (Ref 30) (Ref 31)	Daily Max Annual	\$150.00 \$1,050.00
R71399	Special Event (Ref 33)	Per Day + Each Vendor Per Day	\$100.00 + \$10.00
R7221A	Transient Merchant (Ref 30) (Ref 35)	Per Day Maximum	\$110.00 \$550.00
71399E	Turkey Shoot (Ref. 30) (Ref. 32)	Seasonal / no regulatory fee	

b. Regulatory References

The following regulatory references are separate and distinct from the business tax. References shall be used in conjunction with the reference numbers shown with individual business types in Section 16-132, Listing of Business Types.

- (1) Agriculture Department - Approval required before business license is issued for any food products not prepared for consumption by the seller. Including, but not limited to: Fruit/Vegetable stand or mobile sales, seafood or meat sales to consumers.
- (2) Alcoholic Beverage Dealers - The licensing and sale of alcoholic beverages are regulated by the Chatham County Code, Article I, Section 17-101 through 17-121.
- (3) Amusement Devices - There shall be no decal, tax or fee required for individual amusement machines or devices (N.A.I.C.S. 71312). Each location where such machines are placed for operation shall meet all County Zoning Regulations.
- (4) Amusement Devices, Coin-operated, Which Use Is Restricted To Adults - The business tax prescribed shall be required when one or more movie machines or

other machines are located in a premise or any portion thereof which is restricted to persons eighteen (18) years of age or older.

- (5) Amusement Park, Circus, Carnival - Itinerant for a circus, carnival, or similar itinerant show or exhibition not presented within any regularly registered amusement park, theater, auditorium, arena or building which is permitted to be used for the offering of entertainment for value, approval of the Health Department and the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department (zoning and electrical) shall be required before the business tax certificate may be issued. In addition, such itinerant show shall give evidence of compliance with the code of Georgia, Section 41-1-15 O.C.G.A., as related to registered agent and insurance or bond, and shall submit with its registration application a hold-harmless agreement addressed to the Chairman and Board of Commissioners of Chatham County.

The business tax may be waived when such carnival, circus or exhibition is sponsored by a bona fide local non-profit organization under the following conditions:

- (a) Evidence must be presented showing tax-exempt status of the sponsoring organization under Internal Revenue Service regulations, unless such organization is well-known and of long standing in the community, and
 - (b) A sworn statement of intent to pay at least fifty percent (50%) of net proceeds of the event to the sponsoring organization shall be submitted with license application.
- (6) Application Required Before Annual Renewal of Business Tax Certificate - Certain business classifications require annual application to be submitted for renewal. Application forms are mailed along with license renewal forms.
- (7) Auctioneer for Non-Profit Organization Auction - This license shall be taken out by any auctioneer who is not otherwise licensed as an auctioneer by Chatham County and who conducts an auction in the County unincorporated limits solely for a non-profit tax exempt organization. Any non-profit organization sponsoring an auction has primary responsibility for ensuring that the auctioneer holds valid State and County licenses.
- (8) Bail Bondsman - No business tax certificate shall be issued to a professional bail bondsman until applicant has complied with all regulations herein. Police Department approval is required.
- (9) Bed and Breakfast Inn - For the purposes of the Ordinance, a bedroom within a dwelling unit rented for lodging with breakfast to transient guests provided such use shall be an incidental use within an owner-occupied principal dwelling

structure. Zoning regulations shall apply. The sign requirements for such use shall be those established for home occupations.

- (10) Catering Food - This business type is not authorized to sell alcoholic beverages. Tax certificate is not required for any tax certified restaurant providing catering services as a part of its business. Approval of the Health Department as required before a business tax certificate may be issued.
- (11) Chemical Spraying - Spraying or application of any pesticides, herbicides, or "weed & feed" fertilizers in connection with any landscape or lawn maintenance classification, shall require a copy of current applicator certificate issued by the Department of Agriculture, before new or renewal tax certificate is issued yearly
- (12) Child Day Care Center - Before a new business may be registered or a business tax certificate renewed, the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department shall review and check for the following; building code inspections, zoning inspections and fire inspections. An unfavorable recommendation from anyone these two (2) agencies shall be grounds for withholding a business tax certificate; provided, however, that upon timely correction of the defects upon which an unfavorable was based, a business tax certificate may be issued. Evidence of registration or licensing by the State of Georgia with a copy of the Georgia Bright from the Start Certificate must be presented before Chatham County business tax certificate may be issued.
- (13) Contractors - General Contractors, Electrical, Plumbing, House Movers, Razing, and Mechanical Contractors. Business tax must be paid and business tax certificate issued before a permit may be issued or inspection services performed by the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department. Any contractor who may be required to pass a state qualification examination as referenced by the Chatham County Code must pass such examination before business tax certificate may be issued.
- (14) Detective Agency, Private Detectives, Watchmen, Security Guards & Private Patrolmen - Application of such business for a business tax certificate must be approved and fingerprinted by the police chief before a business tax certificate may be issued. County Code Article III, Section 10-301 through 10-306. State license is also required.
- (15) Disabled Veteran Certificate - A certificate is issued from the Probate Court to qualified Veterans and must be presented to the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department before a new or renewal business tax certificate may be issued.
- (16) Exterminator - Prior to issuance of a business tax certificate to engage in the business of extermination of rats, roaches, termites, or other such pests, the

applicant therefore shall submit satisfactory evidence that applicant has been issued a license by the State of Georgia to engage in such business.

- (17) Fire Marshall - Approval from the County Fire Marshall is required on certain type businesses before a business tax certificate may be issued.
- (18) Flea Market - Booths in a bona fide flea market arrangement may be taxed individually or they may be taxed collectively under a single blanket business tax. The fee for a blanket business tax shall be calculated by multiplying the per-booth fee by the maximum number of booths to be occupied at any time, whether occupied at the time of tax or not. Incidental sale of prepackaged food items is authorized under this business tax; on-site preparation and serving of food and drink is not authorized and requires a restaurant tax certificate. Real jewelry - Gold, Silver, or other precious metals and stones, new furniture, any personal service (ex: haircuts, tattoo, etc.), any contractor or sub-contractor services (ex: installation of water purifier, installation of spa or any other such item being sold from flea market booth), sale of pets or livestock are not covered under blanket business tax. Separate tax certificate for any of the above categories are required.
- (19) Food Service Permit - Application for business tax certificate to engage in the business of or which involves serving prepared foods from restaurants, lunch rooms, lunch counters, cook shops, boarding house, day care centers, residential care facilities, food pushcart, and any other such establishment serving or selling prepared foods, shall require a Food Service Permit from the Chatham County Health Department before business tax certificate may be issued.
- (20) Fortune Teller - Refer to Chatham County Code, Article V, Section 16-501 through Section 16-507.
- (21) Gasoline Service Station - The "per pump" tax certificate fee for any business selling gasoline or other motor fuels shall be based on the total number of hoses or nozzles at the service island.
- (22) Guns and Ammunition - All applications for a business tax certificate must be approved through the Zoning Administrator and Police Department, Refer to Chatham County Code, Article II, and Section 21-201 through Section 21-205.
- (23) Health Department - Application for tax certificate to engage in any business which involves serving prepared foods, child care facilities, and in home health care units, shall be approved by the Chatham County Health Department before business tax certificate may be issued.
- (24) House Mover - Not including the right to raze, demolish or perform contracting work. Bond in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) must be filed with

the Building Inspector of Chatham County before such license can be issued.

- (25) Landfills - (Chatham County Code, Article XII, Section 16-1201 through 16-1207). Copy of permit from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Approval from engineering department. Affidavit completed by a CPA must be attached for business tax renewal.
- (26) Live Entertainment - Used in conjunction with a primary business, i.e., musical bands, comedy acts, etc. Also includes nude dancing (license must specify if nude dancing is included). See Zoning Ordinance, Section 2-2B and use #61d for regulations and requirements.
- (27) Massage Parlor, Masseuse - Refer to Chatham County Code, Article VIII, Chapter 16, Sections 16-801 through 16-820.
- (28) Mobile Home Park - County Code requires all Mobile Home Parks to be inspected annually for code compliance before annual business tax certificate can be issued. See Code 9-101.
- (29) Pawn Shop, Pawnbroker - Before a business tax certificate may be issued to an applicant to engage in the business of pawnbroker. Zoning and police department approvals are required. See County Code, Article XI, Section 16-1101 through 16-1109.
- (30) Police Department - Approval required before business tax certificate may be issued for certain business classifications, including, but not limited to: Alcoholic beverages, Sunday sales, Escort or dating service, Gun sales, Pawn brokers, Loan or Mortgage brokers, Detective agency or security guard service, all transient merchant & peddlers.
- (31) Precious Metal Dealers - Each precious metals dealer, whether local or transient, shall, as a condition to issuing of a business tax certificate by Chatham County, conform with all Georgia and local laws regulating buying and selling of precious metals and/or gemstones. Approval is required through zoning and police department.
- (32) Seasonal Business - Certain type businesses are normally conducted for only a portion of the year. Businesses that are recognized as seasonal will not be required to renew their tax certificate by the yearly deadline, will have no proration of fees, and no late penalty. These include, but not limited to: firewood sales, fruit & vegetables from stand or vehicle, cut flowers & house plants from cart or stand, Christmas tree & pumpkin sales, ice cream truck, turkey shoot, certain tax preparation service, chimney sweeping or cleaning. Seasonal businesses are identified in the classification schedule by an "S" following the

NAICS code.

- (33) Special Event - Activities conducted on County owned or privately owned property, including but not limited to parades, festivals, carnivals, fairs, concerts and rallies which may encompass one-day events as well as events spanning several days. Approvals include: Zoning, Fire Marshall, Health Department, Police Department, and possibly Building Safety & Regulatory as needed. If event is sponsored by a non-profit organization, fees may be waived.

- (34) State License Requirement - Certain type businesses are required to hold, in addition to a local tax certificate, a Georgia State license. A County tax certificate will not be issued until a copy of current state license is submitted yearly. Businesses required to hold a state license include, but not limited to:

Auctioneer
Automobile Dealer, Used
Automotive Parts Dealer, Used
Barber
Beautician (Cosmetologist)
Contractors - Electrical, Electric Signs
Contractors - Low Voltage Alarm Systems
Contractors - Low Voltage Communications Systems
Contractors - Low Voltage Electrical, Unrestricted
Contractors - Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems
Contractors - Heating, Refrigeration, Air Conditioning
Contractors - Plumbing
Contractors - Prefabricated Building Erection / Installation
Counseling Service - Personal
Counselor, Marriage and Family
Day Care Center (SIC 8351/8352/8353/8354)
Exterminator, Pest Control Service
Funeral Director
Hearing Aid Dealer
Motor Vehicle Dealer, New
Polygraph Examiner
Private Detective, Security Agency
Professionals, as defined by State Law
Real Estate Agent (Broker)
Warehouse (O.C.G.A. 10-4-10)

- (35) Transient Merchant, Peddler and Solicitor - Refer to Transient Merchant, Peddler, and Solicitor Ordinance of County Code, Section 16-301 through Section 16-321.

By definition of Code Section 16-302, paragraph 2, a transient merchant is a

person, firm or corporation, whether resident or non-resident of Chatham County, who has no permanent, regular place of business within the County and who engages in the business of selling or offering to sell goods or services from a temporary fixed place of business located within the County.

By definition of Code Section 16-302, paragraph 3, a peddler is a person who is a non-resident of the County who has no permanent, regular place of business within the County, and who engages in the business of selling or offering to sell goods or services by going from place-to-place within the County.

By definition of Code Section 16-302, paragraph 6, a solicitor is any person who solicits contributions from the public, either on the streets of the County or door-to-door, for any charitable or religious organization, and who does not sell or offer to sell any single item at a cost to the purchaser in excess of ten dollars (\$10.00).

- (36) Vending Machines - Each vending machine company, as a condition for holding a Chatham County business tax certificate, shall affix its company name to each vending machine placed on location within the unincorporated limits of Chatham County, so that the name of the owner can be clearly identified.
- (37) Wrecker Service - Refer to Chatham County Code, Article VI, Section 10-601 through Section 10-605 for regulatory ordinance.
- (38) Zoning - All business tax or license applications must be approved by the Zoning Administrator before further required approvals or issuance of tax certificate or license is processed.

Section 32 Classification Schedule

Business Description	N.A.I.C.S Code Class	Profitability
Advertising - Agents (no proration)	54181	C
Advertising - Billboards, Fences, Buildings, Etc.	54185	C
Agent For Trucking Company	541614	A
Aircraft Assembly Plants	336413	A
Airport & Airfield	488119	A
Ambulance Service	62191	A
Amusement Arcade	713120	E
Amusement Parks, Circus, Carnival, Like Places (Ref 5)	R713110	F
Amusement Machines, Decals-Coin Operated (per machine)	71312	E
Animal Boarding Only	81291	C
Animal Hospital & Veterinarian	54194	A
Antique Dealers, Used Merchandise, Junk	45331	A
Appliance Store – Retail	443111	A
Appliances / Repair Service	811412	A
Architects or Plan Designers (Sec. 16-104 (B))	54131	D
Art Shop - Arts & Crafts	453920	C
Asbestos Removal - Contractor	562910	B
Asphalt, - Paving Contractors	237310	B
Auctioneers (St. Lic. Required) (Ref 7)	R56199	R
Auto Accessories	423120	C
Auto Auction, Wholesale - Auto dealer, (Used)	42111	A
Auto Automatic Car Wash	811192	B
Auto Brake Lining, Installation, Camper Tops	811118	B
Auto / Truck Dealer - New & Used	44111	A
Auto Dealer - Used Only (State License Required)	44112	A
Auto Electric Repairs; and/or Accessories	811118	B
Auto Leasing	532112	B
Auto Mufflers & Tail Pipes, Retail	811112	B

Business Description	N.A.I.C.S Code Class	Profitability
Auto Paint & Body Shop	811121	B
Auto Repair Shop	811111	B
Auto Tire Retail Sales and Repairs	441320	A
Auto Wrecker Service	488410	B
Automobile - Special Sales - Limited to Two (2) Per Year	4441111	A
Baby Sitting Service	81411	A
Bakeries - Retail - Baking on Premises	311812	C
Bands - Musical Group	711130	C
Barber Shop (Ref. 34)	812111	C
Beauty Pageant - Promoter	711320	A
Beauty Shop (Ref 34)	812112	C
Beauty or Barber Shop - One (1) Chair - Home Occupation (Ref 34)	81212A	C
Bed & Breakfast Inn - Limited Per Unit	721191	B
Bicycles - Retail Sales & Repairs	45110	A
Bird Breeding / Production (St. Agr. Lic.)	11299	C
Boat Dealers Including Repairs	441222	A
Book Store - Books & Magazines – Retail	451211	A
Bookkeeping Service and/or Income Tax Returns	541211	D
Brick Mason Contractor	23541	B
Buildings - Prefabricated or Demountable	423390	A
Building Materials	444190	A
Cabinet Maker - Shop - Sales / Installation	33711	B
Campgrounds	721211	B
Candy - Retail - Each Place of Business or from Truck	445292	A
Carpenter	238350	B
Carpet Stores	44221	A
Carpet, Rug or Mattress Cleaning	56174	C
Carpet & Floor Installation	23552	B
Catering Service	72232	B

Business Description	N.A.I.C.S Code Class	Profitability
Cellular and other Wireless Telecommunications	513322	A
Cement Bldg. Block or Stones - Mfg. / Dealers, Concrete Prods.	327999	D
Cemetery - Mausoleum Operation	81222	E
Certified Public Accountant (CPA) (St. Lic. Req'd.)	541211	D
Charter Boat	532411	C
Children's Ready-To-Wear Clothing	44813	B
Chimney Sweeping or Cleaning (Seasonal - Ref. 32)	56179S	\$ 150.00 **
Christmas Tree Sales (Seasonal - Ref. 32)	45439B	\$ 150.00 **
Clothing Design Service	541390	A
Clothing Store & Accessories	44814	B
Coffee Shop	722213	B
Cold Storage / Dry Storage Warehouse	493120	A
Collection Agency	56144	C
Communications - Cable TV Lines – Installation	335929	B
Computer Programming and Software	541511	C
Computer Sales, Service & Leasing	541511	C
Computer Training	611420	D
Concession Stand	72233	B
Concrete Products	32739	B
Confectionery , Packaged Food, Soft Drinks & Tobacco	445292	A
Consultant - Management - Business & Public Relations	561110	D
Contractor – Concrete	23571	B
Contractor - Docks, Pile Driving, Etc.	23493	B
Contractor - Drywall - Installation or Repair	23542	B
Contractor - Framing - Interior Trim	235990	B
Contractor - General - Commercial	233320	A
Contractor - General Building	233210	A
Contractor - House Painting	23521	B
Contractor - Plaster and/or Stucco	23542	B

Business Description	N.A.I.C.S Code Class	Profitability
Contractor - Prefab or Demountable Buildings	332311	A
Contractor - Remodeling (no new structure)	23332	A
Contractor - Septic Tank Installation, Service	23599C	B
Contractors - Razing, Wrecking & Demolition	23594	B
Convenience Store - Including Soft Drinks, Cigarettes & Ice Cream	44512	A
Convention and Trade Show Organizers	561920	C
Cosmetics – Retail	44612	A
Costume Jewelry	44819	B
Counseling, - Drug, / Substance Abuse, (St. Cert. Req'd)	624190	C
Counselors - Investment Counseling	52392	E
Counselors - Marriage or Family	62411	B
Dance Studios, Dancing Schools	611610	E
Day Care Center - Seven (7) or more children	62441A	B
Day Care Center - Three (3) to Six (6) children	62441	B
Delivery Service - Parcels - Courier Service	49211	A
Demolition, Razing, & Wrecking Contractor	23594	B
Dentist (ST. LIC. REQ'D.)	62121	B
Department Store	45211	B
Detective Agencies (St. Lic. Req.) (Ref. 30)	561611	C
Disabled Veterans License - (Ref. 16-114) (Ref. 15)	813311	n/c
Distributors - Misc. Merchandise	423720	C
Doctor - Medical & Chiropractor	621111	B
Drapery & Slip Covers	31421	A
Dredging Company, Inc.	23499	B
Drugs, Retail & Misc. Merchandise	44611	A
Dry Cleaning Laundry - Plant or Pick Up Station	81232	C
Electrical Contractor - (State License Required)	23531	B
Elevators - Sales & Installation	23595	B
Employment Agency	541612	C

Business Description	N.A.I.C.S Code Class	Profitability
Engineering Service	54133	D
Equipment, Heavy Industrial or Construction	42181	A
Escort Service (Sec. 16=126) (Ref. 30)	R81299	\$ 470.00
Excavation - Mining, Fill Dirt, Land Clearing	23593	B
Excursion Boat Operation	487210	C
Exterminator, Pest Control (Ref. 1)	56171	E
Fabric Shop / Retail	45113	A
Family Clothing Store & Accessories	448140	B
Fence, Wire Sales & Installation	44419	B
Fertilizer - mfg., sales	325311	A
Fire or Burglar Alarms, Misc. Retail Trade	561621	B
Fire Extinguisher - Sales & Installation	42199	C
Firewood Sales (Seasonal) Ref. 32)	454319S	\$ 150.00 **
Fishing / Bait & Tackle	424990	A
Flea Market (Ref. 18)	45331A	A
Florist, with Nursery and / or Sales Room	45311	A
Fortune Telling (Ref. 20)	R812990	E
Foundries, Machine Shops, Marine Railways	42183	A
Freight Forwarding Agent	488510	A
Fruit & Vegetables - Retail from Stands or Vehicle (Ref 30)	45439A	(S)\$ 150.00 **
Fruit & Vegetables - Retail from Store	44523	A
Funeral Director or Undertakers	81221	C
Furniture Store	44211	A
Game Room - In Connection with other business	713120	E
Garage Doors - Installation & Repairs	23332A	B
Garden Tools, Equipment, Seed & Feed Store	444220	A
Garden Center - Plants, Flowers & Supplies	444220	A
Gas / Industrial	32512	A

Business Description	N.A.I.C.S Code Class	Profitability
Gas Stations w/ Convenience Store	44710	A
Gift & Card Shop	45322	A
Glass Company - Sales & Installation	23592	B
Gold & Silver in Business of Buying & Selling	423940	A
Golf Course – Miniature	713990	E
Golf Course - Includes Club & Pro-Shop	713910	E
Golf Driving Range or similar business	713990	E
Golf Shop - Misc. Retail / Assorted Merchandise	451110	A
Grocers – Retail	44511	A
Group Home for Disabled w/o Nursing Care	623990	B
Guns & Ammunition	45111	A
Hardware Store - Includes Guns & Ammunition	44413	A
Hauling (see transfer)	48423	A
Health Care - In Home Care	62161	B
Health Food - Store / Retail Trade	446191	A
Health Salon – Fitness	721110	E
Heating & Air Conditioning Contractor (ST. LIC. REQ'D.)	23511	B
Home Inspections Service	541350	B
Hotels & Motels	72111	B
House Movers, Demolition (Bond Required)	23599A	B
Ice Cream - Sold from truck (seasonal - Ref 30)	72233S	\$ 150.00 **
Ice Cream , Yogurt Shop	722213	B
Importing or Exporting - Misc. Business Service	522293	A
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	333924	C
Interior Decoration - Not including Furniture & Carpet	54141	C
Internet Sales, Mail Order Sales	454110	A
Investment Broker / Or Security Broker	52311	E
Investments / Securities Brokerage	523120	E
Investors - Primarily Engaged in Investing, Trading, Investment Clubs	52391	E

Business Description	N.A.I.C.S Code Class	Profitability
Janitor Supplies	42185	A
Janitorial Service – Housecleaning	56172	A
Jewelry Store	44831	A
Junk Yards - Auto Used Parts included	42114	A
Laboratory, Medical, X-ray, etc.	621512	A
Ladies & Misses Retail Clothing & Accessories	44812	B
Land Clearing, Grading, Dredging & Earth Moving	23599	B
Land Company - Developer - Each Person or Firm	23311	E
Land Surveying (Ref. 34)	54137	D
Landfill	562212	E
Landscape Services (Ref. 11)	56173	C
Laundry - Coin Operated	81231	C
Lawn Mower Sales – Retail	811411	A
Lawn Care / Maintenance (no new planting) (Ref. 11)	56173	C
Lighting Fixtures, Exclusively	44419A	B
Limousine Service	48532	A
Linen Shop	44229A	A
Live Entertainment - (Misc. Amusement & Recr.) (Ref 25)	71113	E
Loan or Mortgage Broker (Ref 30)	522310	E
Local Peddler Restricted to Produce or 1 Item	45439	A
Lock & Gunsmith Dealer	561622	C
Lunch - Motorized Peddlers	454390	A
Machine Shop	33271	E
Mail Order Sales	45411	A
Management Consultant Service	541611	D
Managers - Real Estate	53121	E
Manufacturing - Agent, Sales Representative	81391	D
Manufacturing - Apparel - not otherwise classified	314999	C
Manufacturing - Bags, Paper & Allied Products	322121	D

Business Description	N.A.I.C.S Code Class	Profitability
Manufacturing - Box or Paper	322121	D
Manufacturing - Chemicals & Allied Products	325998	E
Manufacturing -Fabricated Metal Products	332312	C
Manufacturing -Food & Kindred Products	311991	C
Manufacturing -Lumber & Wood Products	321912	B
Manufacturing -Machinery, does not include Electrical	332112	C
Manufacturing – Miscellaneous	339999	D
Manufacturing - Roofing Materials	324122	C
Manufacturing -Signs, Neon / Plastic Lighted, etc.	33995	D
Manufacturing -Stone / Clay / Glass Products	327215	A
Manufacturing -Textile Mill Products	314999	C
Manufacturing -Transportation Equipment	336360	A
Manufacturing -Windows & Doors	321911	A
Marina or Fish Camp	71393	C
Marine - Cargo, Stevedores	48831	C
Marine - Construction, including Harbor Construction, Repairs	23493	B
Massage - Therapist - Grand fathered (Ref. 40)	R8049A	\$ 150.00
Massage - Therapist (Ref. 39)	R8049	\$ 150.00
Meat Market / Seafood Market – Retail	44521	A
Medical - Professional Equipment / X-Ray / Medical Lab	532291	C
Merchandise Broker - with or without Stock	523140	B
Merchandising - Party Plan	45439	A
Misc. Business Services	561439	C
Misc. Non-Emergency, Special needs Transportation Service	485991	A
Misc. Personal Services	81299A	C
Misc. Repair Service, Mobile - (one person from vehicle)	81149	C
Misc. Retail	453998	A
Mobile Home Dealers – Retail	45393	A
Mobile Home Movers & Set Up	484220	B

Business Description	N.A.I.C.S Code Class	Profitability
Mobile Home Park (Ref. 28) \$5. ea. For 1 st 50 lots, \$15. Ea. additional lot. Max of \$900.00	R53119	Sec. 16-131 *
Mobile Home Supplies	42131	A
Mobile Seafood / Meats (St. Agr. Lic. Req'd.)	45439	A
Mobile Tools - Retail Sales - Local Only	445439	A
Modeling / Music / Arts Educational Services	56132	C
Money Lender, Mortgage Company	522292	F
Monuments	453998	A
Mortgage Company / Real Estate Loans	522292	F
Motion Picture and Video Production	51211	C
Motion Picture Theater - Walk-in (per screen)	512131	C
Motorcycle - Retail Sales / Repairs / Accessories	441221	A
Music Store - Records / Tapes	451220	A
Nursery - Plants, Flowers	111422	A
Nursing Home	623311	B
Office Equipment - Sales / Service	442110	C
Office Furniture & Supplies – Retail	42212	A
Oil / Fuel Oil - Dealers - Retail only	454311	A
Oil - Wholesale Dealers in Automobile Lub. Oils	5172	A
Outdoor Shooting Range (Ref. 30)	71399E	E
Packing Houses – Manufacturing	31161	A
Paint Store / Glass / Wallpaper - Retail	44412	A
Painting / Wallpapering Contractor	23521	B
Pallet Manufacturing / Sales (one small product)	32192	B
Paper / Paper Bags / Paper Specialties Mills	322121	B
Paving Contractor	23411	B
Pawn Broker / Right To Sell Precious Metals (Ref. 26)	522298	A
Perfumes – Retail	45299A	C
Personal Care Home	62311	B

Business Description	N.A.I.C.S Code Class	Profitability
Pet Breeder	112990	C
Pet Grooming, Pet Boarding, Sitting, Training	81291	C
Pet Store - Pet Dealer & Supplies - Retail Sales	45391	A
Petroleum Products - Wholesale	42272	A
Photographer - With or without studio	54121	C
Plant Nursery	111422	A
Plumbing Contractor (State License Required)	23511A	B
Pool Halls	71399D	E
Precious Metals Dealer	R42194	Sec. 16-131A*
Printing	323114	D
Publishing - Magazines, Newspapers, Periodicals	51112	D
Race Track / Speedway	711212	E
Radio Broadcasting Stations	513111	E
Real Estate Agent / Broker / Appraiser / Rental Agent	531210	E
Record Production	51221	D
Recycling - Scrap & Waste Materials	42193	A
Recreational Vehicles / Campers / Motor Homes – Dealers	44121	A
Refrigeration Repairs	81131	B
Refuse & Waste Collection Services	562111	E
Rental Centers - Furniture / Tools / Equipment / Appliances	532310	C
Repair Service – Mobile	81149	C
Repair Shop - Not Otherwise Classified	81141A	C
Repossession Services	561491	C
Residential Property Managers	531311	E
Restaurant - Full Service	72211	B
Restaurant - Take-out, No Seating Available	72211A	B
Retail - Not Otherwise Classified	452998	A
Roofing Contractor	23561	B

Business Description	N.A.I.C.S Code Class	Profitability
Sand Dealer	212321	A
Sandwich Shop - Prepared Locally	722211	C
Sauces – Distributor	311941	A
Scales – Commercial	42144	A
School - Art / Driver Training / Flying / Model / Ceramic	611692	C
Seafood - Mobile – Retail	453998	A
Seamstress / Tailor / Alteration Shop	81149A	B
Security Guard Service (Sec. X, Article III, 10-301 / 10-306)	561611	C
Seed / Feed Stores	444220	A
Service - Not Otherwise Classified	51224	C
Service Station - Four Pumps (each add'l is \$40.00)	44719	A
Ship Chandler - Transporting Equipment / Supplies	4731	A
Shipbuilding	48839	A
Shipping Agent / Steamship Agency / Freight Agent	483111	A
Shoe Shop / Repairing	81143	C
Shoe Store	44821	B
Sign Erector / Sub-Contractor	238390	B
Special Event	R71399	Ref. 33 *
Special Trade Contractors	23599	B
Sporting Goods Retail	451110	A
Sprinkler Systems	23511B	B
Stables - Horse Boarding	11521	C
Steamboat / Steamship Company	483111	C
Stevedores - Miscellaneous Professional Services	488320	C
Storage / Utility Building - Sales / Installation	332311	A
Storage / Cold Storage Facility	49312	A
Structural Steel Erection	23591	B
Sugar Refinery	3111312	C
Superstores	45291	A

Business Description	N.A.I.C.S Code Class	Profitability
Swimming Pool Contractor	23599B	B
Tailor - Alterations Shop	81149A	B
Tattoo Parlor (Ref. 23)	81299	C
Tax Preparation Service - Seasonal - Ref. 32	541213	S \$ 150.00 **
Taxi Cabs	48531	A
Taxidermy	71151	C
Telephone Answering Service	561421	C
Television / Radio Concerns - Combined, Etc.	51312	E
Television / Stereos - Retail	443112	A
Tennis Club	71394A	E
Tile – Contractor	23543	B
Tobacco / Cigarettes / Cigars / Snuff – Retail	453991	A
Tour Operations	56152	A
Tower Construction Contractor	237130	A
Transfer - Trucking, Hauling	48849	A
Transient - Merchant (Ref. 35)	R7221A	Ref. 35 *
Transient - Peddler (Ref. 35)	R7221B	Ref. 35 *
Transient – Solicitor	R7221C	Ref. 35 *
Transportation Service – Miscellaneous	485999	A
Travel Agency	56151	A
Tree Surgeon / Tree Trimming	56173A	C
Tugboat Company	48833	C
Upholstering	81142	C
Utility Contractor - Pipes, Underground Lines	23491	A
Variety Store	452990	B
Vending Machine Company	532490	A
Video / Tapes - Rental / Sales	532230	C
Warehouse / Mini Storage	49311	A
Water - Bottled, Distilled Distributors	424490	A

Business Description	N.A.I.C.S Code Class	Profitability
Water Supply Systems	22131	E
Welding Service	238190	B
Well Drilling / Drilling Wells for Water Supply (Ref. 34)	23581	B
Wholesale - Scrap / Waste Materials	423930	A
Wholesale - Specialty Items	423990	A
Wholesale - Automobiles (St. Lic. Req'd.)	423110	A
Wholesale - Electrical / Electronic Supplies	42161	A
Wholesale - Frozen Foods	424420	A
Wholesale - Fuel / Oils	422720	A
Wholesale - Gasoline / Oil	422720	A
Wholesale - General Merchandise	422990	A
Wholesale – Groceries	422410	A
Wholesale - Janitorial / Beauty / Laundry Supplies	423850	A
Wholesale - Jewelry / Watches / Gemstones	421940	A
Wholesale – Meats	422470	A
Wholesale - Paints & Paint Supplies	421450	A
Wholesale - Petroleum / Oil / Gasoline / Other Products	424720	A
Wholesale - Plumbing / Heating Equipment / Supplies	423720	A
Wholesale - Seafood	424420	A
Window Cleaning Service	561720	B
Wrecker Service with Storage Yard	488410	B

* Indicates referral to Chatham County Zoning Ordinance
** Indicates fixed rate.

Section 33 Alcoholic Beverage Licenses

a. Regulatory Fees

The following regulatory fees for alcoholic beverage establishments are levied pursuant to the Chatham County Code, Chapter 17, as follows:

N.A.I.C.S	License Classification	
44531A	Retail Beer - Sale by package only	\$ 580.00
72241C	Retail Beer - Sale by drink for consumption	\$ 580.00
445310	Retail Liquor - Sale by package only	\$ 2,400.00
72241E	Retail Liquor - Sale by drink for consumption	\$ 2,400.00
722410	Retail Liquor - Sale by package and drink both in one building under same ownership	\$ 3,500.00
44531B	Retail Wine - Sale by package only	\$ 580.00
72241F	Retail Wine - Sale by drink for consumption	\$ 580.00
72241A	Sunday Sales Permit - Beer - Drink only for consumption	\$ 200.00
72241A	Sunday Sales Permit - Wine - Drink only for consumption	\$ 200.00
72241A	Sunday Sales Permit - Liquor - Drink only for consumption	\$ 200.00
424810	Wholesale Beer	\$1,500.00
424820	Wholesale Wine	\$1,500.00
424820	Wholesale Liquor	\$5,000.00

Section 34 Insurance Licenses

The fees for Insurance Licenses are regulated as follows:

a. Life Insurers

There is hereby levied an annual license fee upon each life insurer doing business within the County in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). For each separate business location in excess of one not covered by the following paragraph, which is operating on behalf of such insurers within the County, there is hereby levied a license fee in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). As used in this section, the term "insurer" means a company which is authorized to transact business in the class of insurance designated in subsection 1 of O.C.G.A. 33-3-5.

b. Loan Protective Life Insurers

For each separate business location, not otherwise subject to a license fee hereunder, operated and maintained by a business organization which is engaged in the business of lending money or transacting sales involving term financing and in connection with such loans or sales, offers, solicits, or takes application for insurance through a licensed agent of a life insurer for life insurance, said insurer shall pay an additional license fee of fifty two dollars and fifty cents (\$52.50) for each such location within the unincorporated limits of Chatham County.

c. Casualty Insurers

There is hereby levied an annual license fee upon each fire, surety, liability and casualty insurer doing business within the unincorporated limits of Chatham County in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 33-8-8, a license fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) shall be levied for each separate business location which is operating on behalf of such fire, surety, liability and casualty insurer within Chatham County. For the purposes of this section, the term "insurer" means any insurance company transacting business in any class of insurance other than the class of insurance designated in subsection 1 of O.C.G.A. 33-3-5.

d. Independent Insurance Agencies

There is hereby levied an annual license fee upon independent insurance agencies and brokers in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for each insurance company represented at each location where an insurance business is conducted within the jurisdiction of Chatham County. Each broker, agency, agent or sub-agent issuing, signing or countersigning certificates of insurance for any insurance company shall be deemed an agent of such insurance company and shall pay the license fee specified in this ordinance for such insurance company when the company itself does not pay the said tax. In any case where an insurance business may not have an agency contract with any insurance company, the minimum license fee shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). Any insurance company separately licensed by the State of Georgia shall be deemed to be an insurance company for purposes of this ordinance.

e. Due Date for Insurance License Fees

Licenses imposed by this ordinance shall be renewed and fees shall be due and payable by January 31st. Any insurer who shall become liable for a business license at any time during the year shall, before commencing business, apply for and take out the required license and pay for the same.

Section 35 Business Tax on Banks

See Article C, Financial Institutions Tax

Section 36 Responsibility

Chatham County or any of its agents cannot be held responsible for loss or theft of tax certificates or other documents through the mail.

Section 37 Administration of Ordinance

The Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department shall administer and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance for the levy, assessment, and collection of license fees and penalties imposed herein.

Section 38 Duties of Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department

The Director of the Department or an authorized representative shall have, among other, the following duties:

- a. To prepare and provide the necessary forms for the registration and application for the occupation / business tax of a business and for the submission of required information as may be necessary to properly administer and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.
- b. To issue to each person, a business tax certificate within a reasonable time after the payment of the business tax fee assessed and levied in this Ordinance; provided, however, where under other Ordinances of the County permits, certifications and compliance with the enumerated conditions are required for the operation of the business, the Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department shall not issue such business tax certificate until the applicant exhibits to the department such obtained permits, certifications and compliance.
- c. To issue executions for the collections of all outstanding fees levied and assessed under the terms of this Ordinance, together with penalties and interest. Such executions shall be collected in the manner provided by law for the collection of other taxes and fees due the County.

Section 39 Rules and Regulations

The Building Safety and Regulatory Services Department shall have the power and authority to make and

publish reasonable rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Ordinance or other state or federal laws, for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance including the collection of the business / occupational tax fees hereunder.

Article DD. Amendment, Severability, Repealer and Effective Date

Section 1 Subsequent Amendment

This ordinance shall be subject to amendment or repeal, in whole or in part, at any time, and no such amendment to repeal shall be construed to deny the right of Chatham County to assess, levy, and collect any of the taxes, license fees, or other charges prescribed. The payment of any one tax, license fee, or other charge herein provided shall not be construed as prohibiting the assessment, levy, or collection of additional taxes or fees upon the same person, firm, or corporation.

Section 2 Effect Upon Previous Ordinances

This ordinance does not repeal or affect the force of any part of any ordinance previously passed where taxes, license fees, service charges, or any other fees levied under such prior ordinance have not been paid in full. So much and such parts of such prior ordinance which provide for the issuing and enforcing of execution for any tax, assessment, fee, or charge required by any such ordinance, and such parts which impose fines or penalties for the non-payment of the same, or for failure to take out a license, or failure to comply with any other provisions thereof, shall continue and remain in force and effect until such tax, assessment, fee or charge shall be fully paid.

Section 3 Severability

If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, or if the provisions of any part of this ordinance as applied to any particular situation or set of circumstances shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect the portion of this ordinance not be held to be invalid, or the application of this ordinance to other circumstances not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared as the intent that this ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid portion not been included herein.

Section 4 Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance, and not preserved hereby, are hereby repealed. All parts of such ordinances not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5 Effective Date of This Ordinance

This ordinance shall take effect on August 11, 2017 upon its approval by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, and the provisions shall be in full force and effect on said date.

APPROVED: This _____ day of _____, 2020.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Janice Bocook, County Clerk

Appendix A

State of Georgia Office of Clerk of Superior Court

Effective 9/1/2019 **CIVIL and DOMESTIC CASES**

General Civil and Domestic (Plus Applicable Service Fee)	\$214.00
All Cases Except 1) Family Violence 2) Abandoned Motor Vehicles 3) Incoming Transfers 4) Additional Sums In Condemnation and Bond Validation Cases	
*** General Civil Cases filed by local County or Municipal Gov't	\$74.00
***General Civil Cases Filed by a State Agency in Georgia	\$89.00
Post Judgment Actions	\$58.00
Family Violence	N/C
Contempt on Alimony or Child Support Only	N/C
Abandoned Motor Vehicle Action (Plus Applicable Service Fee)	\$10.00
Incoming Transfer From Another County/State	\$50.00
Incoming Appeals or Transfers From Lower Chatham County Court balance of filing fee will be billed to plaintiff for civil cases)	\$22.00
Motions or Petitions Requesting An Order Filed 30 Days or More After Judgment or Dismissal Require A New Action Filing Cost except on contempt actions for Child Support or Alimony Cases	
Condemnation and Validation of Bond Actions (In Addition to General Civil Costs Above To Be Collected At Conclusion of Action)	
Per Bond Up to 500 Bonds	\$1.00
Per Bond Over 500 Bonds	.50
Per Page For Recording	\$1.50
Issuing Subpoena	\$5.00
Issuing Execution	N/C
Motor Vehicle Judgment Certificate	\$3.00

SHERIFF'S SERVICE FEES

For Copy Served, General	\$50.00
For Garnishee Served (1st Copy)	\$50.00
Second and Subsequent Copy(s)	\$ 6.00
For Tenant in Dispossession Action	\$25.00
Service on Subpoena	\$10.00

APPEALS TO SUPREME COURT & COURT OF APPEALS

Preparation of Record per page	\$ 1.00
Coping Transcript where required, per page	\$ 1.00
Preparation of transcript when clerk is not required to copy	\$35.00
Entering Remittitur and Certification	N/C \$2.00

** Costs for preparation and furnishing copy of the record of appeal in a capital felony case to the Attorney
General in accordance with O.C.G.A. 5-6-43**

Preparation of Record, per page	\$1.00
Transcript	N/C
Clerk's Certificate	\$1.00

<u>LIENS & GENERAL EXECUTION DOCKET</u>	<u>1st page</u>	<u>add.pg</u>
General Execution or Lien Recording	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
Cancellation or Release on GED	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
Lis Pendens	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
Lis Pendens Cancellation or Release	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
Hospital Lien	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
Hospital Lien Cancellation or Release	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
Federal Tax Lien	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
Federal Tax Lien Discharge, Release or Subordination	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
Materialmans Lien	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00

RECORDING COSTS DEEDS & REAL ESTATE

Deeds \$25.00

*****NO FEE FOR CROSS REFERENCE*****

Cancellation of Security Deed \$25.00 Each

Assignments \$25.00 Each

Other Recording on Deed Record \$25.00 Each

Plats, Maps and Condominium Floor Plans \$10.00 Each - Must be filed via www.GSCCCA.org

<u>UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE & PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>	<u>1st page</u>	<u>add pg</u>
UCC Financing Statements	\$25.00	\$ 0.00
UCC Assignment on Original	\$50.00	\$ 0.00
UCC Subsequent Assignment	\$25.00	\$ 0.00
UCC Amendment	\$25.00	\$ 0.00
UCC Continuation	\$25.00	\$ 0.00
UCC Partial Release	\$25.00	\$ 0.00
UCC Termination Statement	\$25.00	\$ 0.00
UCC Real Estate Notice Filing - (UCC-2, Amendment, Continuation, Release, Termination)	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.00
Uncertified Copies, No Assistance, Per Page	.50	
Uncertified Copies, W/ Assistance, Per Page	\$ 1.00	
Uncertified Copies, Transmitted Telephonically	\$ 2.50	\$ 1.00
Clerk's Certificate or Seal	\$ 1.00	

PARTNERSHIPS

General, Limited and Amendments, Each **\$214.00**

OTHER RECORDINGS

Veteran Discharge	N/C	
Admission Documents	N/C	
All Other Recording	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00

NOTARY PUBLIC

Issuance of New Certificate (Signed into law 4/26/16)	\$51.00 eff. 1/1/20
Renewal (Signed into law 4/26/16)	\$51.00 eff. 1/1/20
Issuance of new and renewal of Certificate for County/Municipal Government Employees (Attorney Gen. Opinion on OCGA 15-21-A-6)	\$41.00 eff 1/1/20
Issuance of new and renewal of Certificate for State Employees (Attorney Gen Opinion on OCGA 15-21-A-6)	\$52.00 eff 1/1/20
Certificate of Authority (Notary Flag)	\$ 2.00

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION

Registration	\$171.00 eff 1/1/20
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MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

Photo/Xerox per Copy	\$.50
Certified or Exemplified Copy	\$ 2.00
Each Page After First	\$.50
Oversized Copy Larger Than 8 ½ x 14	\$ 2.00
Printing From State Go-Network Computer	\$ 2.00
Each Page After First	\$.50
Computer Printouts Per Page or Equivalent	\$ 2.50

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UNITED STATES PASSPORT FEES

Payment Instructions: *The application fee is paid directly to the Department of State. **The Execution/Acceptance fee is paid directly to the acceptance facility. Two separate payments are required.

What are you applying for?	Use Form	Application Fee *Paid to the U.S. Department of State	Execution Fee (Acceptance Fee) **Paid to the Acceptance Facility
First-time Adult Passport Book	DS-11	\$110	\$35
First-time Adult Passport Card Not valid for international air travel. Valid only for travel by land and by sea to Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean.	DS-11	\$30	\$35
First-time Adult Passport Book & Card	DS-11	\$140	\$35
Adult Passport Card For applicants who currently have a valid passport book.	DS-82	\$30	No Charge
What are you renewing?	Use Form	Application Fee *Paid to the U.S. Department of State	Execution Fee (Acceptance Fee) **Paid to the Acceptance Facility
Adult Passport Book	DS-82	\$110	No Charge

Adult Passport Card Not valid for international air travel. Valid only for travel by land and by sea to Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean.	DS-82	\$30	No Charge
Adult Passport Book & Card	DS-82	\$140	No Charge

ALL MINOR APPLICANTS (Under 16) Please see Children [Under 16](#).

What are you applying for?	Use Form	Application Fee <i>*Paid to the U.S. Department of State</i>	Execution Fee (Acceptance Fee) <i>**Paid to the Acceptance Facility</i>
Minor Passport Book	DS-11	\$80	\$35
Minor Passport Card A passport card is valid only for travel by land and by sea to the following locations: Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean.	DS-11	\$15	\$35
Minor Passport Book & Card	DS-11	\$95	\$35

OPTIONAL FEES (Paid to the U.S. Department of State)

Expedite Fee	Paid per application, in addition to required fees. Provides faster processing than routine service. Please see Processing Times .	\$60
1-2 Day Delivery	Paid per application for 1-2 day delivery of an issued passport book from the Department of State to the customer. Only applies to mailing addresses within the United States. Not valid for passport cards.	\$15.89
File Search Fee	A file search is necessary when an applicant is unable to present evidence of U.S. citizenship or verification of a previously issued U.S. Passport or Consular Report of Birth Abroad. Applicant must submit Form DS-11 and a written request for a file search.	\$150

Submitting incorrect passport fees could delay the processing of your application. For more information regarding passport application fees, please visit travel.state.gov/fees or call 1-877-487-2778, TDD/TTY: 1-888-874-7793.

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GEORGIA COUNCIL OF PROBATE COURT JUDGES								
Schedule of Costs and Fees								
Effective May 13, 2010								
NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS								
1. All sums the court is required to collect under Code Sections 15-23-7 (ADR fees), 15-9-60.1 (Children's Trust Fund fees), 15-21A-6 (Indigent Defense fees), and 36-15-9 (Law Library fees), and any other sums required by law to be collected as add-ons or additions to court costs are in addition to the sums below . See Code Sections 15-9-60(b) and 15-21A-6.								
2. The costs set forth below are exclusive of costs for service of process, fees for publication of citation or notice, and any additional sums as may be provided by law. The cost of service by certified or registered mail or statutory overnight delivery for purposes of service is a cost of service. Likewise, the cost of first-class postage when service is sent in such manner in accordance with law is a cost of service of process. These charges may be added to the court costs if not paid directly by the petitioner.								
3. Fees for guardians-ad-litem, court-appointed attorneys, and court-appointed evaluators, when collected by the court, are in addition to the above court costs; otherwise, such fees are payable directly to the person providing the service.								
4. Except where specifically provided, recording charges are in addition to the other court costs.								
	Code Section 15-9-60	Type of Proceeding, Pleading, Document, Service or Action	GPCSF No., if applicable	Cost (Initial Filing)	Cost (Subs. Filing)	"Full Service Fee"	Subject to Indigent Defense Fee of \$15	Subject to other add-ons and fees
Decedent's Estates								
1	(e)(1)-(4)	Petition for Temporary Letters of Administration	GPCSF 2	\$ 130.00	\$ 75.00	*	No	Y
2	"	Petition for Letters of Administration	GPCSF 3	\$ 130.00	\$ 75.00	*	Yes	Y
3	"	Petition to Probate Will in Common Form	GPCSF 4	\$ 130.00	\$ 75.00	*	No	Y
4	"	Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form	GPCSF 5	\$ 130.00	\$ 75.00	*	Yes	Y
5	"	Petition for Order Declaring No Administration Necessary	GPCSF 9	\$ 130.00	\$ 75.00	*	Yes	Y
6	"	Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed	GPCSF 7	\$ 130.00	\$ 75.00	*	Yes	Y
8	(e)(1)-(4)	Petition for Year's Support	GPCSF 10	\$ 130.00	\$ 75.00	*	Yes	Y
7	(e)(5)	Petition for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed (Will Previously Probated)	GPCSF 8	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	*	Yes	Y
NOTE: Except for Temp. Letters of Admin. and Probate in Common Form, the Indigent Defense fee of \$15 is charged on EACH above-described petition filed, even if multiple petitions are filed in a single case. See O.C.G.A. §15-21A-6(b)(1)(A).								
9	(e)(1)-(4)	Petition for Presumption of Death of Missing Individual Believed to be Dead	GPCSF 18	\$ 130.00	\$ 75.00	*	No	Y
10	"	Any proceeding for ancillary admin. by a foreign personal representative	No form	\$ 130.00		*	No	Y
11	"	Any other proceeding by which the jurisdiction of the court is first invoked concerning a decedent's estate	No form	\$ 130.00		*	No	Y

12	(e)(5)	Petition of Personal Representative for Leave to Sell Property	GPCSF 13		\$ 50.00	*	No	Y
13	"	Petition for Leave to Sell Perishable Property by Personal Representative	GPCSF 71		\$ 50.00	*	No	Y
14	"	Petition for Leave to Sell or Encumber Property Previously Set Aside as Year's Support	GPCSF 17		\$ 50.00	*	No	Y
15	"	Petition by Administrator for Waiver of Bond and/or Grant of Certain Powers	GPCSF 32		\$ 50.00	*	No	Y
16	"	Petition for Discharge	GPCSF 33		\$ 50.00	*	No	Y
17	"	Petition for Approval of Division in Kind	No form		\$ 50.00	*	No	Y
18	"	Petition to Determine Heirs	No form		\$ 50.00	*	No	Y
19	"	Petition for Direction under Will	No form		\$ 50.00	*	No	Y
20	"	Petition of Personal Representative to Compromise a Disputed Claim or Debt	No form		\$ 50.00	*	No	Y
21	"	Petition by or against personal representative for an accounting or final settlement	No form		\$ 50.00	*	No	Y
22	"	Petition to Resign as Personal Representative and for Appointment of a Successor	No form		\$ 50.00	*	No	Y
23	"	Petition to Remove a Personal Representative and for Appointment of a Successor	No form		\$ 50.00	*	No	Y
24	"	Citation against a personal representative for failure to make returns or for alleged mismanagement of estate	No form		\$ 50.00	*	No	Yes, unless issued by court
25	"	Caveat, objection or other responsive pleading filed by person to whom notice or citation issued	No form		\$ 50.00	*	No	Y
26	"	Petition or Motion to intervene as Interested Party	No form		\$ 50.00	*	No	Y
27	"	Any other petition, application, motion or other pleading in an estate for which no cost is set	No form		\$ 50.00	*	No	Y
28	(e)(6)	Petition to Change Accounting Period	No form		\$ 25.00	*	No	Y
29	"	Petition to Enter Safe-Deposit Box	No form		\$ 25.00	*	No	Y
30	"	Petition/Motion for Attorney's Fees	No form		\$ 25.00	*	No	Y
31	"	Petition/Motion for Extra Compensation	No form		\$ 25.00	*	No	Y
32	"	Inventory, Appraisement, or Annual, Intermediate or Final Return	No form		\$ 25.00	*	No	Y
33	(e)(7)	Notice of Claim or Claim of Creditor	No form		\$ 10.00	*	No	N
34	"	Declination to Serve as Personal Representative	No form		\$ 10.00	*	No	N
35	"	Renunciation of Right of Succession	No form		\$ 10.00	*	No	N

Minor Guardianships/Conservatorships								
NOTE: In ALL minor guardianship/conservatorship cases, the Indigent Defense fee of \$15.00 is charged ONE TIME ONLY on the first proceeding by which the jurisdiction of the probate court is first invoked with regard to a named minor. In the list below, "FF" denotes the proceedings to which the fee may apply. See O.C.G.A. §15-21A-6(b)(1)(B).								
1	(f)(1)	Petition for Temporary letters of Guardianship of the person of Minor	GPCSF 28	\$ 75.00		*	FF	Y
2	"	Petition for Letters of Guardianship of Minor	GPCSF 29	\$ 75.00		*	FF	Y
3	"	Petition for Letters of Conservatorship of Minor	GPCSF 30	\$ 75.00		*	FF	Y
4	"	Petition for Receipt and Acceptance of Foreign Guardianship and/or Conservatorship	GPCSF 60	\$ 75.00		*	FF	Y
5	"	Any other proceeding by which the jurisdiction of the court is first invoked with regard to the person and/or property of a minor	No form	\$ 75.00		*	FF	Y
6	"	Petition of Conservator for Final Settlement of Accounts and Discharge from Office and Liability	GPCSF 34	\$ 75.00		*	No	Y
7	(f)(2)	Petition of Conservator for Leave to Sell, Rent, Lease or Otherwise Dispose of Property	GPCSF 14		\$ 70.00	*	No	Y
8	"	Petition to Compromise Doubtful Claim of Minor/Ward	GPCSF 19		\$ 70.00	*	FF	Y
9	"	Petition for Leave to Encroach on Corpus	GPCSF 20		\$ 30.00	*	No	Y
10	"	Petition to Change Accounting Period	No form		\$ 25.00	*	No	Y
11	"	Minor Conservatorship Inventory and Asset Management Plan	No form		\$ 30.00	*	No	N
12	"	Annual, Intermediate or Final Return of Conservator	No form		\$ 30.00	*	No	N
13	"	Petition or motion for attorney's fees	No form		\$ 70.00	*	No	N
14	"	Petition to Terminate Temporary Guardianship of Minor	No form		\$ 30.00	*	No	N
15	"	Any other petition, application, motion or other pleading filed regarding an existing guardianship of a minor	No form		\$ 30.00	*	No	N
Adult Guardianships/Conservatorships								
NOTE: In ALL adult guardianship/conservatorship cases, the Indigent Defense fee of \$15.00 is charged ONE TIME ONLY on the first proceeding by which the jurisdiction of the probate court is first invoked with regard to a named adult. In the list below, "FF" denotes the proceedings to which the fee may apply. See O.C.G.A. §15-21A-6(b)(1)(C).								
1	(g)(1)	Petition for the Appointment of an Emergency Guardian and/or Conservator for a Proposed Ward	GPCSF 11	\$ 150.00		*	FF	Y
2	"	Petition for the Appointment of a Guardian and/or Conservator for a Proposed Ward	GPCSF 12	\$ 150.00		*	FF	Y
3	"	Petition for Receipt and Acceptance of Foreign Guardianship and/or Conservatorship	GPCSF 60	\$ 150.00		*	FF	Y
4	"	Any other proceeding by which the jurisdiction of the probate court is first invoked with regard to an adult alleged to be incapacitated	No form	\$ 150.00		*	FF	Y

5	(g)(2)	Petition of Conservator for Leave to Sell, Rent, Lease or Otherwise Dispose of Property	GPCSF 14		\$ 70.00	*	No	Y
6	"	Petition to Compromise Doubtful Claim of Minor/Ward	GPCSF 19		\$ 70.00	*	No	Y
7	"	Petition for Leave to Encroach on Corpus	GPCSF 20		\$ 30.00	*	No	Y
8	"	Petition to Change Accounting Period	No form		\$ 25.00	*	No	Y
9	"	Adult Conservatorship Inventory and Asset Management Plan	GPCSF 58		\$ 30.00	*	No	N
10	"	Annual, Intermediate or Final Return	No form		\$ 30.00	*	No	N
11	"	Petition or motion for attorney's fees	No form		\$ 70.00	*	No	Y
12	"	Petition for the Restoration of an Individual Found to be in Need of a Guardian and/or Conservator	GPCSF 65		\$ 70.00	*	No	Y
13	"	Petition of Conservator for Final Settlement of Accounts and Discharge from Office and Liability	GPCSF 34	\$ 75.00		*	No	Y
14	"	Any other petition, application, motion or pleading filed regarding an existing guardianship of an adult	No form		\$ 70.00	*	No	Y
Other Actions								
1	(f)	In matters involving Sterilization, Involuntary Treatment, Habilitation or Temporary Placement, through entry of final order	No form	\$ 130.00		*	No	Y
2	(i)	Hearings in contested matters, per half day		\$ 30.00			No	N
3	"	Initial hearings in adult guardianship or matters involving sterilization, involuntary treatment, habilitation or involuntary placement		No Fee			No	N
4	"	Hearing in any uncontested matter		No Fee			No	N
5	(j)	Petition to Establish Custodial Account for Minor or Incapacitated Adult	GPCSG 22	8% of fund		*	No	Y
6	(k)(i)-(vii)	Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus	No form	\$ 75.00			Yes	Y
7	"	Petition to Establish lost papers	No form	\$ 50.00			No	Y
8	"	Petition for or declaration of Exemptions		\$ 25.00			No	Y
9	"	Petition to Change Birth Certificate	No form	\$ 75.00			No	Y
10	"	All other services rendered by the judge or clerk through the entry of the final order, for any application or petition by which the jurisdiction of probate court is invoked and no other cost is set forth	No form	\$ 70.00		*	No	Y
11	"	Issuance of all other orders, including a Rule Nisi, in any matter for which the costs already set forth do not include all services rendered by judge or clerk	No form		\$ 30.00		No	N
12	"	Motions, Amendments or other pleadings in any matter for which the costs do not include all services rendered by judge or clerk and no other cost is set forth	No form		\$ 15.00		No	N

Miscellaneous								
1	(k)(ix)-(xxx)	For processing appeals to superior court	No form	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00		No	N
2	"	For issuance of writ of fieri facias	No form	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00		No	N
3	"	For issuance of permit to discharge explosives					No	N
4	"	For issuance of permit to discharge fireworks	No form	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00		No	N
5	"	Application for firearms license	Uniform Application	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00		No	N
6	"	For issuance of a replacement firearms license	No form	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00		No	N
7	"	Application for Marriage License without Premarital Certificate	Uniform Application	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00		No	N
8	"	For the safekeeping of a will	No form	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00		No	N
9	"	For issuance of a veteran's license	No form	No Fee	No Fee		No	N
10	"	For issuance of a peddler's license	No form	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00		No	N
11	"	For issuance of a certificate of residency	No form	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00		No	N
12	"	Registration of a junk dealer	No form	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00		No	N
13	"	Certification of publication of application for insurance company charter	No form	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00		No	N
14	"	Recording of Marks and Brands, each	No form	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00		No	N
15	"	Exemplification		\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00		No	N
16	"	Certification under seal of copies		\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00		No	N
17	"	Certified copies of Letters of personal representative, temporary administrator, guardian or conservator, each		\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00		No	N
18	"	For issuance of a subpoena, each		\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00		No	N
19	"	For filing and recording of oath or bond of any official, officer or employee of any municipality or authority within the county, each		\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00		No	N
20	"	For filing and recording of oath or bond of county official or officer		No Fee	No Fee		No	N
21	"	For examination of records or files by employee of the probate court to provide abstract of information contained therein or to provide copies therefrom, per estate or name		\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00		No	N
22	"	Recording, per page		\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00		No	N
23	"	Copies, per page		\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00		No	N

Addition

Weapons Licensing Fees

TOTAL
\$82.75

BREAKDOWN

\$39.75 Fingerprinting
\$ 7.00 License printing

\$35.00 County
\$ 1.00 Judge's Retirement

APPENDIX C
Magistrate Court Fees

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>BREAKDOWN</u>
CIVIL SUITS	\$99.00	\$22.00 FF \$50.00 Service \$ 7.50 ADR \$ 1.00 Sheriff Ret. \$.50 Law Library \$15.00 Ind Defense \$ 3.00 Mag. Ret.
PETITION IN TROVER	\$99.00	\$22.00 FF \$50.00 Service \$ 7.50 ADR \$ 1.00 Sheriff Ret. \$.50 Law Library \$15.00 Ind Defense \$ 3.00 Mag. Ret.
TROVER PICK UP FEE	\$50.00	\$50.00 Service
GARNISHMENT FEE	\$105.00	\$22.00 FF \$56.00 Service \$ 7.50 ADR \$ 1.00 Sheriff Ret. \$.50 Law Library \$15.00 Ind Defense \$ 3.00 Mag. Ret.
DISPOSSESSORY WARRANT	\$74.00	\$22.00 FF \$25.00 Service \$ 7.50 ADR \$ 1.00 Sheriff Ret. \$.50 Law Library \$15.00 Ind Defense \$ 3.00 Mag. Ret.
EVICTON FEE	\$25.00	\$25.00 Service
FORECLOSURE	\$74.00	\$22.00 FF \$25.00 Service \$ 7.50 ADR \$ 1.00 Sheriff Ret. \$.50 Law Library \$15.00 Ind Defense \$ 3.00 Mag. Ret.

AUTO ABANDONMENT	\$10.00	\$10.00 FF
FIFA	\$ 9.00	\$ 4.00 FF \$ 5.00 Record Fee
FIFA WITH LEVEY ON PROPERTY	\$59.00	\$ 4.00 FF \$ 5.00 Record Fee \$50.00 Service
NULLA BONA	\$58.00	\$ 4.00 FF \$ 7.00 Record Fee \$ 7.50 ADR \$ 1.00 Sheriff Ret. \$.50 Law Library \$20.00 Service \$15.00 Ind Defense \$ 3.00 Mag. Ret.
SUBPOENA FEE	\$11.00	\$ 1.00 FF \$ 10.00 Service
INTERROGATORY FEE (Judgment from another County/Court)	\$99.00	\$22.00 FF \$50.00 Service \$ 7.50 ADR \$ 1.00 Sheriff Ret. \$.50 Law Library \$15.00 Ind Defense \$ 3.00 Mag. Ret.
INTERROGATORY FEE (Judgment from Chatham Co. Mag Ct.)	\$10.00	\$10.00 FF
CRIMINAL WARRANTS	\$20.00	\$19.50 FF \$.50 Law Library
GOOD BEHAVIOR WARRANTS	\$20.00	\$19.50 FF \$.50 Law Library

APPENDIX D



CHATHAM COUNTY RECORDER'S COURT STATE OF GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF FINES AND FEES

The following schedule of fines and fees is hereby established for the offenses listed below. Persons charged with the offense(s) listed may elect to pay the established fines and fees in lieu of appearing in court. All previous orders relating hereto are vacated as of the effective date of this order, provided that offenses committed prior to the establishment of this fine schedule will be governed by the fine schedule in effect at the time of the offense.

Title 40 Motor Vehicles and Traffic Violations

<u>GENERAL PROVISION VIOLATIONS:</u>		Base Fine	Fine + Fees
40-1-3	Requiring or permitting Unlawful operation of vehicle	\$75.00	\$142.38
40-1-4	Stickers, decals, emblems containing profane or lewd words, etc.	\$60.00	\$121.90
40-1-8(h)	Safe Operation of Commercial Vehicle	\$250.00	\$381.25

<u>REGISTRATION AND LICENSING VIOLATIONS:</u>	Base Fine	Fine+Fees
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40-2-6	Alteration of License plates	\$500.00	\$722.50
40-2-7	Removing/affixing license	\$250.00	\$381.25

<u>REGISTRATION AND LICENSING VIOLATIONS:</u> (con't)	Base Fine	Fine + Fees
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40-2-8(a)	Failure to register vehicle within 30 days after becoming resident	(SHOW PROOF) \$100.00	\$176.50
40-2-8(b)	Operation of unregistered vehicle or vehicle w/o current license plate	(SHOW PROOF) \$100.00	\$176.50
40-2-8(c)	Operation of vehicle w/o county decal	\$25.00 1st offense \$100.00 2nd + offense (SHOW PROOF) \$25.00	\$74.13 \$176.50 \$74.13
40-2-8.1	Operation of vehicle w/o revalidation decal on license plate	(SHOW PROOF) . \$25.00	\$74.13
40-2-20	Registration and license requirements	(SHOW PROOF) \$100.00	\$176.50
40-2-41	Display of license plates	\$75.00	\$142.38
40-2-44	Reporting of stolen, lost or Mutilated revalidation decal	\$15.00	\$60.48
40-2-80	Transfer of special license plate	\$75.00	\$142.38
40-2-88	Reciprocal agreements for Registration of commercial Vehicles	\$250.00	\$381.25
40-2-90	Operation of vehicles	\$130.00	\$217.45

registered in other states

<u>DRIVERS–LICENSES VIOLATIONS:</u>		Base Fine	Fine + Fees
40-5-23	Wrong class permit	\$130.00 (SHOW PROOF)	\$217.50
40-5-29	No license on person	\$15.00 (SHOW PROOF)	\$60.48
40-5-29(b)	Failure to display	\$15.00 (SHOW PROOF)	\$60.48
40-5-30	Restrictive license	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-5-32	Expired permit	\$15.00 (SHOW PROOF)	\$60.48
40-5-33	Change of address or name	\$15.00	\$60.48
40-5-122	Permitting unlicensed person to drive	\$120.00	\$203.80
40-5-145	Duties of employer	\$500.00	\$722.50
40-5-146	Op of comm. vehicle w/out valid license	\$500.00	\$722.50
<u>UNIFORM RULES OF THE ROAD VIOLATIONS:</u>		Base Fine	Fine + Fees
40-6-2	Obedience to authorized Persons directing traffic	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-10	No proof of insurance (vehicles)	MANDATORY (SHOW PROOF)	\$0.00
40-6-11	No proof of insurance (motorcycles)	MANDATORY (SHOW PROOF)	\$0.00
40-6-14	Limits on sound volume Produced by radio, etc. from within vehicle	\$100.00	\$176.50

40-6-16	Procedure for passing a stationary authorized emergency vehicle	\$250.00	\$381.25
40-6-20	Obedience to traffic-control devices req.	\$200.00	\$313.00
40-6-26	Interference with official signal control devices	\$200.00	\$313.00
40-6-40	Driving on wrong side	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-41	Passing vehicles proceeding in opposite directions	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-42	Overtaking and passing generally	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-43	When overtaking and passing on the right permitted	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-44	Limitations on overtaking and passing on the left	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-45	Limitations on driving on left of center of roadway	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-45(a)(1)	Passing on curve	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-45(a)(2)(a)	Passing at intersection marked with solid line	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-45(a)(2)(b)	Passing at a railroad crossing	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-45(a)(3)	Passing within 100 feet of bridge, viaduct, or tunnel	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-46	No-passing zone	\$130.00	\$217.45

40-6-47	Wrong way/one way street	\$130.00	\$217.45
<u>UNIFORM RULES OF THE ROAD VIOLATIONS:</u> (con't)		Base Fine	Fine + Fees
40-6-48	Improper lane use	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-49	Following too close	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-50	Divided highway	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-51	Controlled access road	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-52	Truck using multilane highways	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-52(b)	Truck using multilane highways	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-70	Entering intersection	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-71	Failure to yield intersection	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-72	Stop sign violation	\$200.00	\$313.00
40-6-73	Failure to yield, entering roadway	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-74	Failure to yield, emerging vehicle	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-76	Funeral procession violations	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-90	Pedestrian violation	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-91	Failure to yield to pedestrian	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-91(b)	Pedestrian shall not leave Curb, etc. and into path of Vehicle	\$130.00	\$217.45

<u>UNIFORM RULES OF THE ROAD VIOLATIONS:</u> (con't)		Base Fine	Fine + Fees
40-6-91(d)	Passing vehicle stopped for pedestrian in crosswalk	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-92	Crossing by pedestrian elsewhere than at crosswalk	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-96	Pedestrians walking on or along roadway	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-97	Pedestrian impeding flow of traffic	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-98	Driving through safety zone prohibited	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-120	Improper turn	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-121	Improper U-turn	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-122	Unsafe starting of parked vehicle	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-123	Unsafe turn	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-124	Turn signal required	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-126	Central lane for turning	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-140	Signal for approaching train	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-141	Failure to stop at railroad crossing	\$130.00	\$217.45

UNIFORM RULES OF THE ROAD VIOLATIONS: Base Fine Fine + Fees
(con't)

40-6-142	Certain vehicles to stop at all railroad crossings	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-144	Emerging from alley, driveway, or building	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-163	Improper passing of school Bus	\$200.00	\$313.00
40-6-180	Too fast for conditions	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-181	Exceeding maximum speed limits:		
	Up to 10 mph over limit	\$40.00	\$94.60
	11-19 mph over limit	\$150.00	\$244.75
	20-29 mph over limit	\$250.00	\$381.25
	30-34 mph over limit	\$350.00	\$517.75
	-35 mph and above	COURT	\$500.00+
		APPEARANCE REQ.	

SCHOOL ZONE

Up to 10mph over limit	\$80.00	\$149.20
11-20 mph over limit	\$200.00	\$294.75
21-29mph over limit	\$300.00	\$394.75
30 mph and above	Court appearance required	

40-6-184	Impeding traffic flow	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-185	Speeding on bridge	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-188	Speeding in highway work	\$300.00	\$394.75
	Zones up to 14mph over limit:		
	15-24mph over limit	\$400.00	\$503.88
	25-29 mph over limit	\$500.00	\$603.88
	30+mph over limit	Court appearance required	

<u>UNIFORM RULES OF THE ROAD VIOLATIONS:</u> (con't)		Base Fine	Fine + Fees
40-6-200	Improper parking	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-201	Leaving motor vehicle unattended	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-202	Unsafe stopping	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-203	Illegal parking	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-205	Obstructing intersection	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-226	Illegal parking in handicapped space	\$200.00	\$313.00
40-6-240	Unsafe backing	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-241	Driver to exercise due care	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-241.1(b)	Cell use prohibited under 18 years of age	\$150.00	\$150.00
40-6-241.2(b)	Texting prohibited 18 years of age and up	\$150.00	\$150.00
40-6-242	Front seat occupants exceeds three	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-243	Open door to traffic	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-244	Riding in towed trailer	\$100.00	\$167.38
40-6-246	Coasting	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-247	Fallowing emergency vehicle illegally	\$200.00	\$313.00

<u>UNIFORM RULES OF THE ROAD VIOLATIONS:</u> (con't)		Base Fine	Fine + Fees
40-6-248	Crossing fire hose	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-249	Littering roadway	\$200.00	\$313.00
40-6-250	Wearing headphones while driving	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-254	Unsecured load	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-292	Riding double on-bicycle	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-293	Clinging to vehicle	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-294	Riding bicycle on wrong side	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-295	Carrying articles on bicycle	\$60.00	\$121.90
40-6-296	No lights/reflectors	\$75.00	\$142.38
40-6-311	Motorcycle safety violation	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-312	Unsafe operation of Motorcycle	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-313	Clinging to vehicle	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-314	Footrests required	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-315	Protective headgear req	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-315(b)	Windshield/protective eyewear required	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-330	Motorized carts; hours of Operation	\$60.00	\$121.90

40-6-361	Traffic laws applicable To low-speed vehicles	\$60.00	\$121.90
<u>OFF ROAD VEHICLES:</u>		Base Fine	Fine + Fees
40-7-4	Operating restrictions	\$100.00	\$176.50
<u>VEHICLE EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS:</u>		Base Fine	Fine + Fees
40-8-3	Vehicle or load dragging	\$25.00	\$74.13
40-8-6	Altered suspension	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-7	Unsafe vehicle	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-8	Broken speedometer	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-9	Failure to follow federal provisions to identify vehicle owner	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-20	Operating w/o lights	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-22	No headlights	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-22(d)	Headlights covered	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-23	No taillights	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-23(d)	Light to illuminate license Plate	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-24	No reflectors	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-25	No turn signal lights or brake lights	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-26	Standards for brake lights and turn lights	\$100.00	\$176.50

40-8-27	No flag or light on projecting load	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-28	No parking lights	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-29(a)	Unlawful use of spotlights	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-31	Failure to dim headlights	\$100.00	\$176.50
VEHICLE EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS: (con't)		Base Fine	Fine + Fees
40-8-50	No brakes or defective brakes	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-70	No horn or warning device	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-71	Exhaust system (defective)	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-72	No rearview mirror	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-73	Cracked windshield	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-73.1	Tinted Windshield	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-74	Tires (unsafe)	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-75	No mud flaps	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-8-76	No child restraint	\$50.00	(no costs added) \$50.00
40-8-76.1	No seatbelts	\$15.00	(no costs added) \$15.00
40-8-90	Restrictions on flashing or revolving blue lights on vehicles	\$1,000.00	\$1,355.00

VIOLETATIONS REQUIRING COURT APPEARANCE:

The following offenses require appearance in court. To ensure appearance, a bond must be posted with the Sheriff of Chatham County or, if provided for by law, license may be filed with the case in lieu of bail.

40-5-20	No driver's license	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQ
40-5-120	Unlawful use of license	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQ
40-5-125	False driver's license applic.	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQ
40-6-10	No insurance (unable to Provide proof)	MANDATORY (SHOW PROOF)
40-6-181	Speeding violation 41 + over limit	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQ
40-6-186	Racing	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQ
40-6-251	Laying drags	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQ
40-6-253	Open Container	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQ
40-6-270	Hit and run	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQ

VIOLATIONS REQUIRING COURT APPEARANCE: (con't)

40-6-271	Striking unattended vehicle	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQ
40-6-273	Failure to report accident	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQ
40-6-391	Driving under the influence	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQ
40-6-393	Homicide by vehicle	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQ
40-6-394	Serious injury by vehicle	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQ
40-6-395	Fleeing/Eluding police officer	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQ

All violations related to an accident.

All offenses not specifically listed in the fine schedule above.

All offenses categorized as felony offenses.

MANDATORY FEES AND SURCHARGES:

All fines are subject to the following surcharges or additional fees as required by state law or local ordinance which will be added to the base fine:

A. Police Officer Annuity and Benefit Fund , O.C.G.A. 47-17-60

B. Law Library Fund, O.C.G.A. 36-15-9

C. 1. Police Officer and Prosecutor Training Fund, O.C.G.A. 15-21-70
2. Indigent Defense Fund, O.C.G.A. 15-21-70

MANDATORY FEES AND SURCHARGES: (con't)

- D. County Jail Construction and Staffing Fund, O.C.G.A. 15-21-93
- E. Crime Victims Emergency Fund, O.C.G.A. 15-21-112 (DUI offenses only)
- F. Victim Assistance Fund, O.C.G.A. 15-21-131
- G. Drug Treatment and Education Fund, O.C.G.A. 15-21-100 (Drug offenses only)
- H. \$25.00 publication fee for publication of photograph in newspaper (DUI offenses, etc.)
- I. Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund, O.C.G.A. 15-21-149 (DUI offenses only)
- J. State of Georgia Probation Fee - \$25.00 - O.C.G.A. 42-8-34 (Probation cases only)
- K. Driver's Education and Training Fund, O.C.G.A. 15-21-179 (Title 40 changes only)

COURT ASSESSED FEES:

The court assesses the following fees:

- A. \$30.00 cost assessed per fine (local cost)
- B. \$100.00 fee assessed per accusation for failure-to-appear (contempt fee)
- C. \$35.00 fee assessed for each fine payment schedule established (court service fee)
- D. \$50.00 fee assessed against each person placed on supervised probation (court probation fee)
- E. \$5.00 technology fee assessed per fine (per HB 708 2005 Georgia General Assembly [local legislation

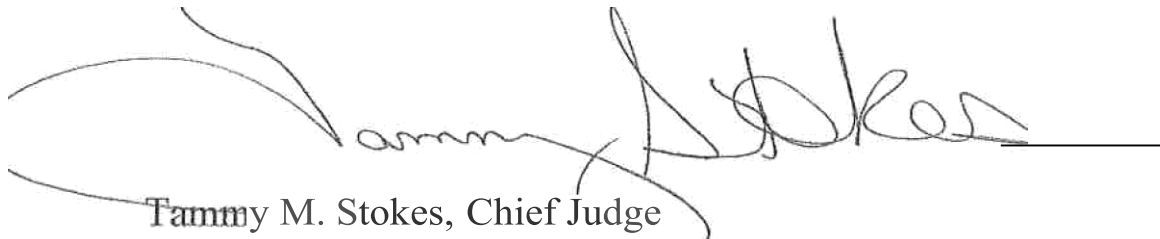
**AUTHORITY OF CLERK OF COURT TO ESTABLISH
FINES FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES OMITTED FROM
SCHEDULE**

The Clerk of Court is authorized to establish fines, after consultation with the Judges of this Court, for offenses that may not be included in this Schedule of Fines and Fees. The Clerk of Court will endeavor to ensure that any such offenses become part of any new or amended orders to this Schedule of Pines and Fees.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This schedule of fines and fees is effective for offenses committed on or after July 1, 2015. This schedule will remain in effect until a new schedule of fines and fees is established.

So ORDERED BY:



Tammy M. Stokes, Chief Judge
Recorder's Court of Chatham County

SIGNED COPY ON FILE WITH CLERK OF COURT

Order
Schedule of Fines and Fees

City of Savannah Local Ordinance Violations (continued)		Base Fine	Fines + Fees
6-1215(c)	Drinking alcohol in parked motor vehicles prohibited	\$80.00	\$148.00
6-1222	Disorderly conduct prohibited; within and outside establishment	\$500.00	\$715.00
6-1254	Unlawful to place signs, banners on trees or poles	\$60.00	\$121.00
6-1603	Peddling without a license prohibited	\$60.00	\$121.00
6-1615	Peddling on streets, sidewalks so as to impede vehicle or pedestrian traffic prohibited	\$60.00	\$121.00
6-2425(c)	Consumption of alcohol in controlled zone without wristband	\$20.00	\$67.00
7-1008	Obedience to traffic-control devices	\$100.00	\$175.00
7-1010	Duty to obey traffic officers	\$100.00	\$175.00
7-1012	Vehicle not to obstruct streets	\$100.00	\$175.00
7-1014	Parking in alleys or lanes prohibited	\$60.00	\$121.00
7-1022	Hanging onto moving vehicle prohibited	\$200.00	\$310.00
7-1032	Commercial vehicle on prohibited street	\$200.00	\$310.00
7-1038	Repairing vehicle on street prohibited	\$200.00	\$310.00
7-1045	Traveling from one street to another	\$60.00	\$121.00
7-1046	Closing streets to through traffic	\$60.00	\$121.00
7-1132	Riding bicycle in park prohibited	\$15.00	\$60.25
7-1133	Skateboarding in prohibited areas	\$60.00	\$121.00
9-1001	Unlawful to beg or solicit on streets	\$60.00	\$121.00
9-1002	Disorderly conduct by (7) defecating or urinating in public (8) except where permit is issued playing musical instrument, etc. where sound can be heard beyond the confines of building or property, (9)(a) public indecency	\$140.00	\$229.00
9-1003	Unlawful to frequent area of illegal gambling	\$100.00	\$175.00
9-1005	Unlawful to assemble or parade without a permit	\$100.00	\$175.00
9-1006	Unlawful to disturb religious assemblies	\$100.00	\$175.00
9-1007	Swimming prohibited in certain waters	\$60.00	\$121.00
9-1021	Unlawful to hit golf balls in Forsyth, Hull or Daffin park	\$60.00	\$121.00
9-2008	Unlawful to bathe, swim or place litter or detergent in any fountain or reservoir in parks or squares	\$60.00	\$121.00
9-2036(a)(1)	Creating noise disturbance across real property boundaries	\$500.00	\$715.00
9-2036(a)(2)	Creating noise which is plainly audible from motor vehicle	\$100.00	\$175.00
9-5021	Vaccination/registration of dogs/cats	\$15.00	\$60.25
9-5022	Dog at large	\$50.00	\$107.50
9-5031	Disposal of dog excrement	\$60.00	\$121.00

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V.	Chatham County Local Ordinance Violations	Base Fine	Fine +Fees
	11-101 Disorderly conduct	\$140.00	\$229.00
	11-301 Public drunkenness prohibited	\$140.00	\$229.00
	14-401 Fishing on bridges prohibited	\$100.00	\$175.00
	12-301 Parking prohibited	\$60.00	\$121.00
	22-101 Vaccination/registration of dogs/cats	\$15.00	\$60.25
	22-102 Dog at large	\$15.00	\$60.25
	22-110 Animals forbidden in recreational areas	\$15.00	\$60.25
	23-101 Park hours	\$60.00	\$121.00
	23-102 Alcohol beverages/controlled subst. prohibited in parks	\$60.00	\$121.00
	23-103 Conduct in parks	\$140.00	\$229.00
	24-306 Regulation of sound and sound amplifying equipment	\$100.00	\$175.00
VI.	Title 27 Game and Fish Violations		
	General Provision Violations		
	27-1-23 Inspection of business premises and records of commercial license holders	\$500.00	\$715.00
	27-1-25 Interference/resistance of an arrest	\$200.00	\$310.00
	27-1-25.1 Failure to bring motor vehicle or boat to a stop when ordered to do so	\$200.00	\$310.00
	27-1-27 Damaging or destroying dept. property	\$200.00	\$310.00
	27-1-28 Taking of nongame species	\$100.00	\$175.00
	27-1-29 Sale or purchase of game	\$100.00	\$175.00
	27-1-30 Disturbing or destroying wildlife habitats	\$100.00	\$175.00
	27-1-31(a) Unlawful possession or use of wildlife	\$100.00	\$175.00
	27-1-31(b) Unlawful concealment of wildlife	\$100.00	\$175.00
	27-1-32 Hiring of another to take wildlife contrary to law	\$100.00	\$175.00
	27-1-33(a) Noncompliance with laws while on fishing area, hatchery, etc.	\$100.00	\$175.00
	27-1-33(b) Criminal trespass on WMA	\$100.00	\$175.00
	License, Permit and Stamp Violations		
	27-2-1(b) Hunting, trapping, fishing without a license (resident)	\$100.00	\$175.00
	27-2-1(c) Hunting, trapping, fishing without a license (nonresident)	\$100.00	\$175.00
	27-2-4(d) Unlawful use of honorary hunting and fishing licenses	\$100.00	\$175.00
	27-2-5(a) Procurement of hunting license without education certificate	\$100.00	\$175.00
	27-2-5(b) Sale of hunting license without verification of education certificate	\$100.00	\$175.00
	27-2-5(c) Hunting without hunters safety cert.	\$100.00	\$175.00
	27-2-6(a) Fishing for trout without a license	\$100.00	\$175.00

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License, Permit and Stamp Violations (continued)		Base Fine	Fine + fees
27-2-6(b)	Hunting or possessing big game without a license	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-6(c)	Waterfowl license required	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-9(a)	Taxidermist license required	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-9(b)	Failure of taxidermist to properly tag wildlife	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-9(c)	Failure of taxidermist to notify DNR	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-9(d)	Selling unclaimed wildlife without permission	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-9(e)	Mounting endangered, rare, threatened or unusual species without license	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-9(f)	Failure to keep records (taxidermist)	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-10(a)	Alligator farming without a license	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-10(d)	Failure to file alligator farming reports	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-11	Game-holding permits required	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-12	Scientific collecting permits required	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-13(a)	Exhibition of wildlife without a permit	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-13(b)	Release of wildlife without a permit	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-14	Liberation of wildlife and domestic fish without a permit	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-15	Wildlife storage permit required	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-16(a)	Commercial quail breeder permit req.	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-16(b)	Quail breeder to keep required records	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-16(c)	Selling quail carcass w/out req. stamp	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-16(d)	Selling quail killed with a firearm	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-16(e)	Illegal transportation of quail	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-17(a)	Trapping, taking, transporting or possessing raptors for falconry without a permit	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-17(c)	Trapping, transporting or possessing Golden Eagle without a permit	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-17(d)	Falconer trading/transferring raptors without a permit	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-17(e)	Failure to report inventory of raptors to DNR	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-17(j)	Failure of falconer to make req. report	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-18	Permit required to kill deer causing damage to crops	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-19	Wildlife importation permits required	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-20	Hunting migratory birds without stamp	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-21(a)	Conducting field or retriever trial without permit	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-21(b)	Failure of field trial permittee to require participants to register	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-21(c)	Participating in field trial without a hunting permit	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-22	Wildlife rehabilitation permit required	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-2-22.1	Fox trapping and selling w/out license	\$100.00	\$175.00



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General Wildlife Violations (continued)		Base Fine	Fine + Fees
27-3-47	Failure to report deer kill	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-3-60	Required commercial trapping license	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-3-63	Violations/general trapping offenses	\$750.00	\$1,027.50
27-3-90	Transportation of illegal wildlife	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-3-91	Illegal transportation of wildlife by carrier	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-3-92	Transportation of illegal wildlife beyond state boundary	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-3-110	Shooting preserve license required	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-3-112	Unlawful hunting on shooting preserve	\$100.00	\$175.00
Fish Violations			
27-4-2	Fishing in waters on lands of another without permission	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-5	Using illegal methods to take fish	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-6	Use of illegal minnow seine	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-7	Illegal use of gill nets	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-8	Use of unlawful devices while fishing	\$200.00	\$310.00
27-4-9	Possession of shad nets during closed season	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-10	Over limit of fish	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-32	Fishing unmarked or illegal trotlines	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-33	Illegal spearing of fish	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-34	Unlawful fishing with bow and arrow	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-50	Unlawful fishing of trout	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-70	Commercial fishing in closed waters	\$200.00	\$310.00
27-4-71	Unlawful commercial shad fishing	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-72	Unlawful commercial eel fishing	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-74	Illegal sale or purchase of game fish	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-90	Commercial fishing license required	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-91	Commercial freshwater fishing with illegal gear	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-92	Commercial fishing with illegal sized baskets, without license, in flowing stream and possessing fish taken in baskets	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-110	Commercial fishing license required to crab	\$200.00	\$310.00
27-4-115	Commercial catfishing without personal license, resident or non-resident, or with illegal gear, or in closed waters; undersized catfish	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-116	Unlawful fishing for diamondback tetraplms	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-117	Failure to display JD numbers/ letters on commercial fishing boat	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-118	Failure to keep required record book	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-130.1	Open seasons, creel/possession limits and minimum size limits	\$100.00	\$175.00

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Fish Violations (continued)		Base Fine	Fine + Fees
27-4-132	Taking shrimp for noncommercial purposes with illegal gear	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-170	Sport bait shrimping	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-171	Unlawful commercial bait fishing	\$150.00	\$242.50
27-4-190	Unlawful taking of clams and oysters	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-195(a)	Taking oysters during closed season, or from closed area	\$100.00	\$175.00
27-4-195(b)	Taking clams during closed season, or from closed area	\$100.00	\$175.00
VII. Title 52 Waters of the State, Ports and Watercraft Violations			
General Violations			
52-7-4	Requirement as to numbering of vessels	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-5(b)	Operating vessel with improperly displayed numbers	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-5(d)	Failure to transfer registration to new owner	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-5(l)	Displaying numbers other than those assigned to vessel	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-5(m)	Operating vessel with void registration	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-8(c)	Whistle or horn required	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-8(d)(1)	Operating vessel w/out sufficient PFDs	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-8(d)(2)	Operating vessel w/out PFDs accessible	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-8(d)(3)	Operating vessel w/out child PFD	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-8(e)	Operating vessel without required fire extinguisher	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-8.2(b)	Operating a personal watercraft w/out required PFD	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-8.2(j)	Wake zones (personal watercraft)	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-8.3(a)	Proper vessel ID required	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-11(b)	Operating vessel during hours of darkness w/out proper lights (inland waters)	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-11(c)	Operating vessel during hours of darkness w/out proper lights (international waters)	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-11(d)	Failure to display proper lights while anchored	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-12.1	Reckless operation of vessel	\$200.00	\$310.00
52-7-13	Violation of boating safety zones	\$100.00	\$175.00
52-7-16	Towing persons on water slides	\$75.00	\$141.25
52-7-17(a)	Failure to regulate speed	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-17(b)	Loaded beyond capacity	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-17(c)	Improper bow or gunwale riding	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-18	Rules of the road for boat traffic	\$60.00	\$121.00
52-7-20	Failure to obey regulatory markers, etc.	\$60.00	\$121.00

Appendix E

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Traffic Violations Bureau					
<p>The offenses designated herein are payable in the amounts indicated as Traffic Violations Bureau offenses without the requirement of a court appearance unless an accident is involved. The amount indicated as to each offense includes the specified fine together with all applicable statutory surcharges. Uniform traffic citations issued as of September 1, 2003 will be subject to this order and come within the Traffic Violations Bureau of the State Court of Chatham County. The Clerk of State Court, within the Traffic Violations Bureau, is authorized to accept bonds equal to the Fines + Fees specified herein for the following schedule of traffic violations. In the event that a person having POSTED BOND should subsequently fail to appear in court on the day set, said bond shall be forfeited and guilty plea recorded. The case will be considered disposed and appropriately reported to the Department of Driver Services in the state of licensure for further action. No offense by any individual under 21 years of age shall be treated as a Traffic Violations Bureau offense.</p>					
	CODE SECTION	VIOLATION	BASE FINE	BOND AMT (offense date prior to 5.6.13)	BOND AMT (offense date after 5.6.13)
I. MOTOR CARRIER VIOLATIONS	40-1-8	FAILURE TO OBEY MOTOR CARRIER RULES	400.00	568.00	554.00
	40-1-8(h)(2)	SEAT BELT REQUIRED WHEN OPERATING A MOTOR CARRIER	50.00	50.00	50.00
II. DRIVERS' LICENSES	40-5-23	CLASSES OF LICENSES (<i>WRONG CLASS LICENSE</i>)	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-5-29(a)	LICENSE TO BE CARRIED AND EXHIBITED ON DEMAND (<i>NO LICENSE ON PERSON</i>); (<i>show proof</i>)	10.00	22.00	21.65
	40-5-29(b)	LICENSE TO BE CARRIED AND EXHIBITED ON DEMAND (<i>FAILURE TO DISPLAY LICENSE</i>)	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-5-30	RESTRICTIVE LICENSE	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-5-32	EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL OF LICENSES (<i>EXPIRED PERMIT</i>)	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-5-33	FAILURE TO CORRECT ADDRESS / NAME	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-5-122	PERMITTING AN UNLICENSED PERSON TO DRIVE	175.00	253.00	246.88
	40-6-2	OBEEDIENCE TO AUTHORIZED PERSONS DIRECTING TRAFFIC	200.00	288.00	281.00
III. UNIFORM RULES OF THE ROAD	40-6-14	LIMITS ON SOUND VOLUME PRODUCED BY RADIO, TAPE PLAYER, OR OTHER MECHANICAL SOUND-MAKING DEVICE OR INSTRUMENT FROM WITHIN THE MOTOR VEHICLE	25.00	43.00	42.13
	40-6-20	OBEEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES REQUIRED	300.00	428.00	417.50
	40-6-24	LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNALS	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-40	OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-40A	DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF UNDIVIDED HIGHWAY	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-40B	OBSTRUCTING FLOW OF TRAFFIC	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-40C	LANE VIOLATION	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-40D	OBSTRUCTING/IMPEDING TRAFFIC IN ADJACENT LANES	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-41	PASSING VEHICLES PROCEEDING IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-42	OVERTAKING AND PASSING GENERALLY (<i>IMPROPER PASSING</i>)	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-44	LIMITATIONS ON OVERTAKING AND PASSING ON THE LEFT (<i>INSUFFICIENT CLEARANCE</i>)	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-46	NO-PASSING ZONES	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-47	ONE-WAY ROADWAYS AND ROTARY TRAFFIC ISLANDS (<i>WRONG WAY</i>)	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-48	DRIVING ON ROADWAYS LANED FOR TRAFFIC (<i>IMPROPER LANE CHANGE</i>)	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-49	FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-50	DRIVING ON DIVIDED HIGHWAY, CONTROLLED-ACCESS ROADWAYS, AND EMERGENCY LANES (<i>FAILURE TO MAINTAIN LANE</i>)	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-51	FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF CONTROLLED-ACCESS ROADWAYS	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-70	VEHICLES APPROACHING OR ENTERING INTERSECTION	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-71	VEHICLE TURNING LEFT (<i>FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY</i>)	200.00	288.00	281.00
	40-6-72	FAILURE TO OBEY STOP SIGNS	200.00	288.00	281.00
	40-6-72B	FAILURE TO OBEY YIELD SIGNS	200.00	288.00	281.00
	40-6-73	ENTERING OR CROSSING ROADWAY (<i>FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY</i>)	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-74	OPERATION OF VEHICLES ON APPROACH OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES (<i>FAILURE TO YIELD TO EMERGENCY VEHICLE</i>)	200.00	288.00	281.00

	CODE SECTION	VIOLATION	BASE FINE	BOND AMT (offense date prior to 5.6.13)	BOND AMT (offense date after 5.5.13)
III UNIFORM RULES OF THE ROAD, CONTINUED	40-6-90	OBEEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS (<i>Pedestrian</i>)	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-91D	RIGHT OF WAY IN CROSSWALKS	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-91(b)	RIGHT OF WAY IN CROSSWALKS (<i>Pedestrian Leaving Curb</i>)	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-92	CROSSING ROADWAY ELSEWHERE THAN AT CROSSWALK (<i>Pedestrian</i>)	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-97	PEDESTRIANS SOLICITING RIDES OR BUSINESS	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-120	METHODS OF TURNING AT INTERSECTIONS (<i>IMPROPER TURN</i>)	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-121	IMPROPER U-TURN	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-122	UNSAFE STARTING OF PARKED VEHICLE	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-123	TURNING MOVEMENTS; SIGNALS REQUIRED ON TURNING, CHANGING LANES, SLOWING, OR STOPPING (<i>FAILURE TO SIGNAL</i>)	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-124	SIGNALS BY HAND AND ARM OR SIGNAL LIGHTS (<i>FAILURE TO SIGNAL</i>)	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-140	OBEEDIENCE TO SIGNAL INDICATING APPROACH OF TRAIN; REASONABLE AND PRUDENT STANDARD FOR CROSSING RAILROAD GRADE	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-141	OBSERVANCE OF STOP SIGNS AT RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-163	DUTY OF DRIVER OF VEHICLE MEETING OR OVERTAKING SCHOOL BUS	250.00	358.00	349.25
	40-6-180	TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS	75.00	113.00	110.38
		EXCEEDING POSTED SPEED LIMIT (<i>O.C.G.A. 40-6-181</i>):			
	40-6-181 (1)	1-5 MPH OVER LIMIT	25.00	43.00	42.13
	40-6-181 (2)	6-10 MPH OVER LIMIT	50.00	78.00	76.25
	40-6-181 (3)	11-14 MPH OVER LIMIT	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-181 (4)	15-18 MPH OVER LIMIT	125.00	183.00	178.63
	40-6-181 (5)	19-23 MPH OVER LIMIT	150.00	218.00	212.75
	40-6-181 (6)	24 - 30 MPH OVER LIMIT	300.00	428.00	417.50
	40-6-184	IMPEDING TRAFFIC FLOW; MINIMUM SPEED IN LEFT-HAND LANES	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-185	SPEEDING ON BRIDGE	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-200	IMPROPER PARKING	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-202	STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING OUTSIDE OF BUSINESS OR RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS (<i>ILLEGAL PARKING</i>)	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-203	STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES (<i>ILLEGAL PARKING</i>)	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-205	OBSTRUCTING INTERSECTION	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-226	ILLEGAL PARKING IN HANDICAPPED SPACE	150.00	218.00	212.75
	40-6-240	UNSAFE BACKING	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-243	OPENING AND CLOSING VEHICLE DOORS (<i>OPEN DOOR TO TRAFFIC</i>)	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-244	RIDING IN HOUSE TRAILER (<i>TOWED TRAILER; UNSAFE OPERATION OF VEHICLE</i>)	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-246	COASTING (<i>PROHIBITED</i>)	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-247	FOLLOWING FIRE APPARATUS OR EMERGENCY VEHICLE	150.00	218.00	212.75
	40-6-248	CROSSING FIRE HOSE	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-249	LITTERING HIGHWAY	200.00	288.00	281.00
	40-6-250	WEARING DEVICE WHICH IMPAIRS HEARING OR VISION	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-253	CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE OR POSSESSION OF OPEN CONTAINER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE IN PASSENGER AREA	150.00	218.00	212.75
	40-6-254	OPERATING VEHICLE WITHOUT ADEQUATELY SECURING LOAD	150.00	218.00	212.75
	40-6-291	TRAFFIC LAWS APPLICABLE TO BICYCLES; SIGNALING OF RIGHT HAND TURNS	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-292	MANNER OF RIDING BICYCLE; CARRYING MORE THAN ONE PERSON	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-293/40-6-313	CLINGING TO VEHICLES	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-294	RIDING ON ROADWAYS AND BICYCLE PATHS (<i>RIDING BICYCLE ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD</i>)	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-296	LIGHTS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT ON BICYCLES	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-311	MANNER OF RIDING MOTORCYCLE	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-312	OPERATING MOTORCYCLE ON ROADWAY LANE FOR TRAFFIC (<i>UNSAFE OPERATION</i>)	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-6-314	FOOTRESTS AND HANDLEBARS	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-315(a)	PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR REQUIRED	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-6-315(b)	WINDSHIELD/PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR REQUIRED	75.00	113.00	110.38
IV. EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES	40-8-6	ALTERED SUSPENSION; BROKEN SPRINGS	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-8-7	UNSAFE OR IMPROPERLY EQUIPPED VEHICLE	100.00	148.00	144.50
	40-8-8	BROKEN SPEEDOMETER	40.00	64.00	62.60
	40-8-20	OPERATING W/O HEADLIGHTS OR OTHER LIGHTS	40.00	64.00	62.60
	40-8-22	NO HEADLIGHTS (<i>OR DEFECTIVE</i>)	40.00	64.00	62.60
	40-8-23	NO TAILLIGHTS (<i>OR DEFECTIVE</i>)	40.00	64.00	62.60
	40-8-24	NO REFLECTORS (<i>OR DEFECTIVE</i>)	40.00	64.00	62.60
	40-8-25	NO TURN SIGNAL LIGHTS OR BRAKE LIGHTS	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-8-27	NO FLAG OR LIGHT ON PROJECTING LOAD	150.00	218.00	212.75
	40-8-28	NO PARKING LIGHTS	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-8-31	FAILURE TO DIM HEAD-LIGHTS	40.00	64.00	62.60

	CODE SECTION	VIOLATION	BASE FINE	BOND AMT	BOND AMT
				(offense date prior to 5_6_13)	(offense date after 5_5_13)
IV. EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, CONTINUED	40-8-50	NO BRAKES OR DEFECTIVE BRAKES	200.00	288.00	281.00
	40-8-70	NO HORN OR WARNING DEVICE	40.00	64.00	62.60
	40-8-71	EXHAUST SYSTEM; PREVENTION OF NOISE, SMOKE, AND FUMES (DEFECTIVE EXHAUST SYSTEM)	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-8-72	NO REAR VIEW MIRROR (OR OBSTRUCTED)	40.00	64.00	62.60
	40-8-73	WINDSHIELDS & WINDSHIELD WIPERS (CRACKED, DEFECTIVE, ETC.)	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-8-73.1	TINTED WINDSHIELD	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-8-74	UNSAFE TIRES (DEFECTIVE)	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-8-75	TIRE COVERS (NO MUD FLAPS)	75.00	113.00	110.38
	40-8-76	NO CHILD RESTRAINT 1ST OFFENSE (no costs added)	50.00	50.00	50.00
	40-8-76(A)	NO CHILD RESTRAINT 2ND OFFENSE (no costs added)	100.00	100.00	100.00
	40-8-76.1	NO SEATBELTS (ADULT) (no costs added)	15.00	15.00	15.00
	40-8-76.1E3	NO SEATBELTS (MINOR AGE 8 THROUGH 17) (cost are added)	25.00	43.00	42.13

ALL FINES ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING SURCHARGES OR ADDITIONAL FEES AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW OR ORDINANCE. THOSE FEES MUST BE ADDED TO THE BASE FINE AS A MATTER OF LAW PER THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA:

REQUIRED FEES/SURCHARGES	15-21-73	POLICE OFFICER TRAINING FUND,	exceed \$50.00
	36-15-9	LAW LIBRARY FUND,	\$5.00
	15-21-93	COUNTY JAIL FUND,	10% of the base fine
	15-21-112	CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE FUND,	5% of the base fine
	15-21-73	PEACE OFFICER PROSECUTOR AND INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	10% of the base fine
	15-6-77	STATE COURT CLERK DOCKET FEE,	\$3.00
	15-21-179	JOSHUA'S LAW (eff 7-1-05 to May 5, 2013)	5% of the base fine
	15-21-179	JOSHUA'S LAW (eff May 6, 2013)	1.5% of the base fine

The Clerk of Court is authorized to establish fines, after consultation with the Judges of this Court, for offenses that may not be included in this order. The Clerk of Court shall endeavor to ensure that any such offenses become part of any new or amended orders issued.

SO ORDERED the 10th day of January, 2014.

H. Gregory Fowler

H. Gregory Fowler
Chief Judge

Hermann Coolidge

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Associate Judge

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CIVIL FILING FEES **Effective 1/1/2020**

OCGA 15-6-77(e)(2)- Filing Fee (includes \$2.00 Clerk's Retirement)	\$58.00
OCGA 36-15-9 – Law Library Fee	\$5.00
OCGA 47-16-61 – Sheriff's Retirement Fund	\$1.00
OCGA 15-23-7 – Alternative Dispute Resolution Program	\$10.00
OCGA 15-21A – 6 – Peace Officer, Prosecutor & Indigent Defense Fee	\$15.00
OCGA 15-21A-6.1 – Judicial Operations Fund Fee	\$125.00

TOTAL CIVIL FILING FEE **\$214.00**

Any Post-judgment proceeding filed more than 30 days after judgement or dismissal in an action requires a new filing fee (\$58.00 only). OCGA 15-6-77(e)(1)

SHERIFF'S SERVICE FEES: **Addition Services**

Serving copy of process and returning original, per copy	\$50.00	
Serving summons of garnishment or rule against garnishee	\$50.00	\$6.00
Serving process to dispossess tenant	\$25.00	
Dispossessing tenant or intruder	\$25.00	
Levying an attachment	\$50.00	
Each Levy or Writ of Fieri Facias	\$50.00	
Service of Subpoena	\$10.00	
Search and return of Nulla Bona (\$20 Sheriff; \$7.00 Sup. CT; \$5.00 State Court)	\$32.00	

MISCELLANEOUS FEES: **First Page** **Additional Pages**

Uncertified copies per page (if no assistance is required)	\$.50	
Uncertified copies per page (if assistance is required)	\$1.00	
Uncertified copies transmitted electronically – 1 st page	\$2.50	\$1.00
True Copy – 1 st page	\$1.25	\$.25
Certification or Exemplification of Record – 1 st page	\$2.50	\$.50
Computer Printouts – Per Page	\$2.50	
Issuing Subpoena	\$5.00	
Issuing Certificate of Pending or Unsatisfied Judgment (OCGA 40-9-40)	\$3.00	
Preparation of Record to Court of Appeals or Supreme Court – per page	\$1.00	
Filing Transcript of Evidence and Proceedings (if no copying required)	\$35.00	
Issuing a Writ of Fieri Facias (FiFa)	\$5.00	
Any document requiring cross-indexing, per document (Example: Amended Fi Fa)		\$2.00
Cancellation of Writ of Fieri Facias (FIFA) per Book and Page	\$7.00	
Transfer to another county (plus any mailing costs)	50.00	
Clerk's Certificate (includes Driver's License Suspension pursuant to OCGA 40-9-31)	\$2.50	
Alias Fieri Facias	\$12.00	
Record Search	\$3.00	

APPENDIX F

Recreation Fees

COMMUNITY PARK RENTALS

LAKE MAYER PARK

Pavilion #1	Hourly	\$70.00
Non Profit Fee	Five Hours or Less	\$150.00
Pavilion #2	Hourly	\$60.00
Non Profit Fee	Five Hours or Less	\$125.00
Conference Room	Hourly	\$75.00
Refundable Cleaning/ Maintenance Deposit	Per Rental	\$100.00
Non Profit Fee	Five Hours or Less	\$175.00
Community Meetings	Two Hours or Less	NC
Community Meetings (Over Two Hours)	Hourly	\$25.00

TOM TRIPLETT PARK

Pavilion #1	Hourly	\$70.00
Non Profit Fee	Five Hours or Less	\$150.00
Pavilion #2	Hourly	\$45.00
Non Profit Fee	Five Hours or Less	\$75.00
Conference Room	Hourly	\$75.00
Refundable Cleaning Deposit	Per Rental	\$100.00
Non Profit Fee	Five Hours or Less	\$175.00
Community Meetings	Two Hours or Less	NC
Community Meetings (Over Two Hours)	Hourly	\$25.00

L. SCOTT STELL PARK

Pavilions #1	Hourly	\$50.00
Non Profit Fee	Five Hours or Less	\$100.00
Pavilion #2 & #3	Hourly	\$40.00
Non Profit Rate	Five Hours or Less	\$75.00
Conference Room	Hourly	\$60.00
Refundable Cleaning Deposit	Per Rental	\$100.00
Community Meetings	Two Hours or Less	NC
Community Meetings (over Two Hours)	Hourly	\$25.00

RETHA MAE MCCOY COMMUNITY PARK

Pavilion #1	Hourly	\$60.00
Non Profit Fee	Five Hours or Less	\$100.00
Pavilions #2 & #3	Hourly	\$40.00
Non Profit Fee	Five Hours or Less	\$75.00

MOTHER MATILDA BEASLEY PARK

Pavilion Fee	Hourly	\$60.00
Non Profit Fee	Five Hours or Less	\$125.00

KINGS FERRY

Pavilion #1	Hourly	\$50.00
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Non Profit Fee	Five Hours or Less	\$100.00
Pavilions #2	Hourly	\$40.00
Non Profit Fee	Five Hours or Less	\$75.00
OTHER OUTSIDE PAVILIONS		
Hourly	Hourly	\$40.00
Non Profit Fee	Five Hours or Less	\$75.00

TYBEE PIER & PAVILION

Rental Fee	Hourly	\$110.00
Non Profit Fee	Five Hours or Less	\$250.00

FRANK G. MURRAY COMMUNITY CENTER

Room A Rental Fee Only	Hourly	\$100.00
Room B Rental Fee Only	Hourly	\$60.00
Room A & B Rental Fee (must be reserved by staff)	Hourly	\$150.00
Non Profit Fee	Five Hours or Less	\$175.00
Refundable Cleaning Deposit	Per Rental	\$100.00
Community Meetings	Two Hours or Less	NC
Community Meetings (Over Two Hours)	Hourly	\$25.00

MEMORIAL STADIUM MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

Rental Fee In Season (four hour minimum)	Hourly	\$175.00
Rental Fee Off Season (two hour minimum)	Hourly	\$175.00
Non Profit Fee	Five Hours or Less	\$275.00

SPECIAL SCHOOL/LUNCH FEES

Tybee Pier & Pavilion		
Chatham County Schools	Two Hours or Less	\$25.00
Chatham County Schools (over Two Hours)	Hourly	\$25.00
Outside Chatham County	Two Hours or Less	\$50.00
Outside Chatham County (over Two Hours)	Hourly	\$50.00

All Other Pavilions

Chatham County Schools	Two Hours or Less	NC
Chatham County Schools (Over Two Hours)	Hourly	\$25.00
Outside Chatham County	Two Hours or Less	\$25.00
Outside Chatham County (Over Two Hours)	Hourly	\$50.00

Sport Fees

I. Memorial Stadium Fees

Tier 1**	Games	\$2,000.00
Tier 2**	Games	\$800.00
Tier 3**	Games	\$400.00
Tier 4**	Games	\$200.00
Concerts		\$5,000.00

II. Youth Sports Entry Fees

Basketball Tournament	Per Team	\$150.00
Softball/Baseball Tournaments	Per Team	\$150.00
Other Soccer Leagues	Per Team	\$25.00
Soccer League/ Clubs	Per Team	\$175.00
BOE High /Middle School	Per Team	\$40.00
Little League Baseball/Softball	Per Individual	\$20.00
Football League	Per Team	\$150.00
Basketball League	Per Team	\$150.00
Sports	All Other Sports	\$150.00

III. Sports and Parks Space Fees

Vendor Space (10' x 10')	Five Hours	\$140.00
Amusement Equipment Space	Five Hours	\$40.00
Field Use Fee (grass fields)	Per Four Hours	\$75.00
Field Use Fee for Participating Clubs (grass fields)	Per Four Hours	\$50.00
Lights Charge per Field	Per Four Hours	\$55.00
Tournament with Lights	Per Field	\$105.00
Field Use Fee (turf fields)	Per four hours	\$125.00
Field Use Fee for Participating Clubs (turf fields)	Per four hours	\$80.00

IV. Camps Fees

Spring/Winter Camps	Without Extended Care	\$25.00
Spring/Winter Camps	With Extended Care	\$35.00
Summer Camp	Without Extended Care	\$50.00
Summer Camp	With Extended Care	\$70.00

* Non-Program Teams

** Determine by several different criteria

CHATHAM COUNTY AQUATIC CENTER

Daily Admission Fees

Child (2 & Under)	Free
Child (3 yrs – 12)	\$4.00
Senior (60+)/College, Military	\$5.00
Adult (13-59 yrs)	\$6.00

Memberships Annual & Monthly Pay Options

College Student/Military	\$360 prepay \$30 per month
Military/College Family	\$540 prepay \$45 per month
Individual	\$420 prepay \$35 per month
Family	\$660 prepay \$55 per month
Child (3-12 yrs old)	\$180 prepay \$15 per month
Senior 60+ Individual	\$240 prepay \$20 per month
Senior 60+ Couple	\$480 prepay \$40 per month

Prepaid Members have the ability to freeze account 3 times in a year extending their membership; monthly members do not have this option.

Swim Team Memberships

Angelfish – all ages	\$15 per month
Starfish – ages 6-16	\$30 per month \$60 per year

Locker Rentals

Punch Cards (for open swim and water aerobics)

	Adult 13 yrs to 59 yrs	Select*	Child 3-12	Child 2 & Under	Family
10 Swims	\$50	\$42	\$32	Free	N/A
20 Swims	\$100	\$84	\$64	Free	\$90
40 Swims	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$180

*Select Rate is for Senior (60+), Military and College Students

Swimming Lessons

	1 Student	2 Students	3 Students	Group	Group	Babies & Tots
	8 lessons	8 lessons	8 lessons	8 lessons	4 lessons	4 lessons
Member	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$45	\$23	\$23
Non-Member	\$25	\$35	\$45	\$55	\$28	\$28

Holiday CampNon – Member
\$20 per dayMember
\$15 per day**Lifeguard Certification Course**

\$150

Lane Rental

FEE SCHEDULE		
25 Yard Lane	\$7.00 per lane/per hour	
50 Meter Lane	\$14.00 per lane per hour	
Use of PA system (subject to availability)	\$50/hr	

Pool Space Rental

Pool space in the Recreational Pool or Lap Pool that may not be exactly a “lane” mostly for therapy groups, Kayak groups, scuba training, filming, etc.

FEE SCHEDULE		
Daily	\$7 per participant for 1 on 1	\$30 Group rate during summer sessions
	\$20 for 2-5 participants per hour	\$40 for 6-10 participants per hour

Competitive Swim Meets/Aquatic Events for Out of County Renters

FEE SCHEDULE	
Note: USER must provide certified timing system operator. Timing system does <u>not</u> include integrated software, computer, printer to display names or score events/print results	
Exclusive use of entire facility, with P.A. system, start system, and touchpad timing system.	\$1700/day 4 hours or less pro-rated to ½ day - \$ 850
Exclusive use of 50 meter competition pool, with P.A. system, start system, and touchpad timing system.	\$1200/day 4 hours or less pro-rated to ½ day - \$ 600
Use of eight (8) lane 25-yd championship course, with P.A. system, start system, and touchpad timing system or button timing system.	\$ 100/hour within regular operational hours. Additional lanes: \$5.00/hr On Sundays, exclusive use rate only
Use of scoreboard	Set-up fee of \$75.00 for set-up and testing of the equipment. Additional \$50.00 per day for a scoreboard operator to be on call.
After Hours Additional Fee	\$ 150/hour additional fee added on

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Exclusive use of 50 meter competition pool, with P.A. system, start system, and touchpad timing system.	\$ 900/day 4 hours or less pro-rated to ½ day - \$ 450
Use of eight (8) lane 25-yd championship course, with P.A. system, start system, and touchpad timing system or button timing system.	\$ 75/hour within regular operational hours. Additional lanes: \$4.00/hr On Sundays, exclusive use rate only
Use of scoreboard	Set-up fee of \$75.00 for set-up and testing of the equipment. Additional \$50.00 per day for a scoreboard operator to be on call.
After Hours Additional Fee	\$ 150/hour additional fee added on

Police, Fire, Dive teams, and Ocean Rescue Pool Use

Training for Public Service groups and Membership Option to Individuals within departments of Police, Fire, and Ocean Rescue departments.

<u>FEE SCHEDULE</u>	<i>6 Months Agreement</i>	<i>Yearly Agreement (12 months)</i>
Department Wide		\$1000.00 (department contribution) + employee contribution of \$15.00/month *No Termination Fee
Dive Team	150 visits or less \$500.00 151 visits to 300 visits \$1000.00	300 visits or less \$1000.00 301-450 visits \$1500.00
Dive times to be scheduled with the Aquatic Superintendent at least 1 week in advance. Teams will provide roster for members on said team. Visits will count for group trainings as well as outside conditioning swims.		

Party Rental Agreement

Party Set-up (birthday, corporate, reunion, etc)

<u>FEE SCHEDULE</u>	<i>Includes</i>	
Party set-up and recreational swim	Table and chair set up for maximum of 30 guests.	\$50 non-refundable reservation/set-up fee plus per-person fee payable at time of entry, based on average of attendees and group size

Group Reserved Admission

Recreational Swim (day care, youth group, etc.)

<u>FEE SCHEDULE</u>	<i>Includes</i>	
Recreational Swim for groups of 10 or more	Guaranteed admission during scheduled recreational swim times. One reservation fee covers Winter or Summer swim seasons.	\$50 non-refundable reservation fee plus per-person fee payable at time of entry, based on average age of attendees and group size.

The Aquatic Center uses a third party software system with integrated credit card processor for all daily transactions. The credit card fees are paid to the processor on a monthly basis.

ANDERSON COHEN WEIGHTLIFTING CENTER

Daily Admission	\$5
Individual Membership – Monthly	\$20
Family Membership – Monthly	\$40
Special Needs Gym Membership – Monthly	\$10
Exemption for Board of Education Exceptional Students	

HENDERSON GOLF COURSE

Daily Greens Fees

Weekday Rates	18 Riding	9 Riding	Unlimited Riding Twilight	18 Walking	9 Walking
Regular	\$32	\$19	\$28	\$18	\$12
Select*	\$29	\$16	\$25	\$15	\$9
Junior (age)	\$25	\$13	\$20	\$15	\$9

Weekend Rates	18 Riding	9 Riding	Unlimited Riding Twilight	18 Walking	9 Walking
Regular	\$37	\$21	\$32	\$23	\$14
Select*	\$34	\$18	\$29	\$20	\$11
Junior	\$27	\$14	\$22	\$17	\$10

*Select Rate available for seniors (age 60 and above) & Military with ID

Chatham County Employees - Everyday (Anytime) 18 Riding Rate of \$20, 9 Riding Rate of \$12

Memberships

Yearly Memberships	Individual	Henderson Resident	Senior (Age 60)	Military	Student	Junior	Driving Range Only
Pre Pay Yearly	\$1200	\$760	\$1100	\$1000	\$900	\$400	\$400
*Pay Monthly	\$1440 \$120 /mo	\$900 \$75 /mo	\$1320 \$110/mo	\$1200 \$100 /mo	\$1080 \$90 /mo	\$480 \$40 /mo	\$480 \$40 /mo

Member Cart Fee - \$14 for 18, \$7 for 9 *Paying Monthly is a 20% mark up on total price

Junior Member Cart Fee - \$10 for 18, \$4 for 9

Lessons

	Adult	Junior (17 & Under)	2 People	Group of 3-5	Group 6+
½ Hour	\$40	\$35	N/A	N/A	N/A
1 Hour	\$70	\$55	\$85	\$95	Call for Rates
5 – 1 Hour	\$325	\$250	\$400	\$475	Call for Rates

Clubhouse after Hours Rental \$75

Henderson Golf Course uses a third party software system with integrated credit card processor to process all register transactions. The credit card merchant transaction fees are deducted daily from the revenue collected.

STATE OF GEORGIA)
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COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

**ORDINANCE IMPOSING AN EXCISE TAX ON
THE SALE, USE, STORAGE, OR CONSUMPTION OF ENERGY**

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 48-13-110 et seq., authorizes counties and municipalities to impose an excise tax on the sale, use, storage, or consumption of energy; and

WHEREAS, imposition of the excise tax on the sale, use, storage, or consumption of energy is contingent upon the enactment of an ordinance of the county or municipality; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County desires to impose such excise tax and pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-13-113 has met and conferred with each municipality in the county and no such municipality desires to participate in such excise tax.

OR

WHEREAS, Chatham County desires to impose such excise tax and pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-13-113 has met and conferred with each municipality in the county and has executed an intergovernmental agreement with the following jurisdictions: the City of Savannah, the City of Pooler, the City of Bloomingdale, the City of Port Wentworth, the City of Garden City, City of Tybee Island, the Town of Thunderbolt, and Vernonburg which desire to participate in such excise tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Energy Excise Tax Definitions

As used in this ordinance, the terms: "dealer;" "energy;" "local sales and use tax;" and "purchaser" shall have the same meanings as provided in O.C.G.A. § 48-13-110.

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Section 2. Imposition; Rate; Remitting; Recovery; Liabilities

(a) In accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-13-110 et seq., there is imposed within the territorial limits of the special district created pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-13-111, an excise tax on the sale, use, storage, or consumption of energy when such sale, use, storage, or consumption would have constituted a taxable event for purposes of sales and use tax under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-1 et seq. but for the exemption in O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3.2.

Section 3. Excise tax rate; phase-in.

(a) Such excise tax shall be levied and collected by the governing authority of Chatham County pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 48-13-112 and 48-13-114 and as provided in this section.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the rate of such excise tax shall be phased in over a four-year period as follows:

(1) For the period commencing January 1, 2013, and concluding at the last moment of December 31, 2013, such excise tax shall be at a rate equivalent to 25 percent of the total amount of local sales and use tax in effect in such special district that would be collected on the sale, use, storage, or consumption of energy but for the exemption in O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3.2;

(2) For the period commencing January 1, 2014, and concluding at the last moment of December 31, 2014, such excise tax shall be at a rate equivalent to 50 percent of the total amount of local sales and use tax in effect in such special district that would be collected on the sale, use, storage, or consumption of energy but for the exemption in O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3.2;

(3) For the period commencing January 1, 2015, and concluding at the last moment of December 31, 2015, such excise tax shall be at a rate equivalent to 75 percent of the total amount of local sales and use tax in effect in such special district that would be collected on the sale, use, storage, or consumption of energy but for the exemption in O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3.2; and

(4) On or after January 1, 2016, such excise tax shall be at a rate equivalent to 100 percent of the total amount of local sales and use tax in effect in such special district that would be collected on the sale, use, storage, or consumption of energy but for the exemption in O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3.2.

(c) In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3.2 (c)(4), if a project of regional significance under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3(92) is started in the special district, it shall not be subject to the phase-in period contained in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (b) of this section, and the sale, use, storage, or consumption of energy in connection therewith shall be subject to the rate specified in paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this section notwithstanding the January 1, 2016 limitation in that paragraph (4).

(d)(1) Following such initial imposition during the phase-in time period, on or after January 1, 2016, the rate of the excise tax levied and collected by the governing authority of Chatham County shall be directed by O.C.G.A. § 48-13-112(d). Such rate shall be controlled by the maximum amount of local sales and use tax in effect in the special district, but in no event more than 2 percent (except in the case where the municipal option water and sewer tax is levied where that rate will be 3%. See FN 4 below).

(2) In the event the total rate of local sales and use taxes in effect in the special district decreases from 2 percent to 1 percent, the rate of the excise tax under this ordinance shall likewise be reduced at the same time such local sales and use tax rate reduction becomes effective.

(3) In the event the total rate of local sales and use taxes in effect in the special district increases from 1 percent to 2 percent, the rate of the excise tax under this ordinance shall likewise be increased at the same time such local sales and use tax rate increase becomes effective.

Section 4. Imposition; Remittance; Recovery

In accordance with O.C.G.A. §48-13-112(c), such excise tax shall be:

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(1) Imposed only at the time sales and use tax on the sale or use of such energy would have been due and payable under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-30 but for the exemption under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3.2;

(2) Due and payable in the same manner as would be required under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-1 et seq., except as otherwise provided in O.C.G.A. § 48-8-110 et seq.;

(3) A debt of the purchaser of energy until it is paid and shall be recoverable at law in the same manner as authorized for the recovery of other debts;

(4) Remitted to the governing authority of Chatham County by the dealer collecting such excise tax; and

(5) A liability of the dealer at the applicable rate on the charges actually collected or the amount of excise taxes collected from purchasers, whichever is greater.

Section 5. Exemption Certificates

(a) The governing authority of Chatham County, or the collecting officer appointed under Section 8 of this ordinance, shall make diligent efforts to identify all energy providers and purchasers in the special district and to ascertain whether such a purchaser has completed a uniform exemption certificate provided from the website of the Georgia Department of Revenue seeking to qualify such purchaser for the exemption under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3.2. Such certificate shall be utilized by such governing authority or collecting officer for the purpose of determining the applicability of the excise tax under this ordinance.

(b) An energy provider shall be authorized to rely upon such uniform exemption certificates. No penalty shall attach to such provider for failure to collect the excise tax under this ordinance when it has properly collected and remitted local sales and use taxes on such energy where the purchaser would have qualified for the uniform exemption certificate but failed to apply for such certificate or where the purchaser received such certificate but failed to file it with the energy

provider.

Section 6. Commencement of Collections

The excise tax imposed pursuant to this ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2013, and shall be due and payable to the governing authority of Chatham County monthly on or before the twentieth day of every month and each respective month in which such taxes are collected, and payment shall be accompanied by a return for the preceding monthly period showing the gross sales and purchases arising from all sales and purchases taxable under this ordinance during the preceding calendar month.

Section 7. Allocation, distribution, and expenditure of proceeds

(a) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-13-114 (b), the excise tax proceeds shall be allocated and distributed by the governing authority of Chatham County at the end of each calendar month. An amount equal to 1 percent of such proceeds collected by Chatham County shall be paid into the general fund of Chatham County to defray the costs of collection and administration.

(b) The remainder shall be distributed in accordance with the intergovernmental agreement as required under O.C.G.A. § 48-13-114 (b) and (c). Within 30 days following the end of each calendar month, the remainder shall be distributed to the general fund of Chatham County and the general fund of each participating municipality in accordance with the applicable provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-13-114 (c)(1) or (2) as follows:

(1) If two local sales and use taxes are in effect in the special district, an amount equal to one-half of the proceeds shall be distributed to the general fund of Chatham County and the general fund of each participating municipality located in the county according to the same proportionate share as specified under the distribution provisions of the first local sales and use tax and an amount equal to one-half of the proceeds of the excise tax shall be distributed to the general fund of Chatham

County and the general fund of each participating municipality located in such county according to the same proportionate share as specified under the distribution provisions of the second local sales and use tax; or

(2) If only one such local sales and use tax is in effect in the special district, then the proceeds of the excise tax shall be distributed to the general fund of Chatham County and the general fund of each participating municipality located in the county according to the same proportionate share as specified under the distribution provisions of the local sales and use tax.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, proceeds of the excise tax deposited in the general fund of Chatham County may be expended for any lawful purpose as determined by the governing authority of Chatham County or as allowed under the intergovernmental agreement with participating municipalities of Chatham County..

Section 8. Administrative Provisions; Audits; Examinations; Collecting Officer

(a) The governing authority of Chatham County shall be authorized to designate a collecting officer for collection and administration of the excise tax under this ordinance.

(b) The collecting officer shall be authorized to provide for procedures necessary to the proper implementation of this ordinance, including, but not limited to, periodic auditing of dealers collecting and remitting the excise tax. The collecting officer, or the designee of the collecting officer, is specifically authorized to examine the books , papers, records, financial reports, equipment, , or other facilities of any purchaser which is required to remit the excise tax under this ordinance.

(c) In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-13-118, as part of the audit report required under O.C.G.A. § 36-81-7, the auditor shall include, in a separate schedule, a report of the revenues pertaining to the excise tax under this ordinance.

Section 9. Repealer

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 10. Effective Date

The ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2013.

BE IT ORDAINED this 21st day of September, 2012, by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, Georgia.

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY:

Pete Liakakis
Chairman Pete Liakakis

ATTEST:

Janice Bocook
Janice Bocook
Clerk of Commission



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