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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 48-5-2 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 10.518 for 2026. The final rate adopted and levied for 2026 shall be 10.518 mills on the dollar (.010518) or \$10.518 per \$1,000.00 in assessed value. In addition, a rate of 6.502 mills on the dollar (.004502 or \$4.502 per \$1,000.00 in assessed value for Special Service District and 0.94 mill on the dollar (.940) or \$0.94 per \$1,000.00 in assessed value for Chatham Area Transit District shall be levied in 2026. The recommended 2026 millage levy by State law cannot be adopted until the digest is approved in late summer of 2026

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

Refer to Chatham County Code Chapter 16 Article IX Financial Institutions Tax.

<https://www.chathamcountyga.gov/OurCounty/CodeBook>.

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 Alcoholic Beverages
Refer to Chatham County Code Chapter 17 Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.
<https://www.chathamcountyga.gov/OurCounty/CodeBook>
- Section 2 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 Hotel / Motel Tax
Refer to Chatham County Code Chapter 16 Article IV Hotel/Motel Tax.
<https://www.chathamcountyga.gov/OurCounty/CodeBook>
- Article G. Tax on Professions**
Section 1 Tax on Professions
Refer to Chatham County Code Chapter 16 Article 1 16-105 (2) Occupational Tax on Professions.
<https://www.chathamcountyga.gov/OurCounty/CodeBook>
- 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. 46-5-134, 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. The fee schedule is shown on the Chatham County website at <https://superiorcourtclerk.chathamcountyga.gov>.

Section 8 (A) The Superior Court Clerk’s Office has been designated as a Passport Acceptance Facility of the Department of State for 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 \$16 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 can be found at <https://superiorcourtclerk.chathamcountyga.gov>.

Section 9 State Court

The most up-to-date schedule of fees for State Court can be found at <https://courts.chathamcountyga.gov/State/FeeSchedule/>

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. The fee schedule is shown on the Chatham County website at <https://courts.chathamcountyga.gov/Probate/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 on the Chatham County website at <https://courts.chathamcountyga.gov/Magistrate/Fees>.

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 A 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 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 Recorders 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; Print Shop Revenue; Vending commissions, and Electronic convenience fees (ACH & Credit cards).

Section 6 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
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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
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Section 7 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 8 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 9 Short Term Rental

Refer to Chatham County Code Chapter 16, Article IV and Article XIII.
<https://www.chathamcountyga.gov/OurCounty/CodeBook>

Section 10 Electric Vehicle Charging Fees

Electric vehicle (EV) fees generated for public EV charging stations.

- Public Level 2 Charging: \$0.28/kwh
- DC Fast Charging: \$0.48/kwh

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 (Limited Access, M-F, 6am – 9pm)	
County Employee	\$ 150.00
Non-County Employee	\$200.00

Reserved Space (Unlimited Access 24/7)	
County Employee	\$180.00
Non-County Employee	\$300.00
Non-reserved Space (Limited Access M-F, 6am – 9pm)	
County Employee	\$ 75.00
Non-County Employee	\$100.00
Non-reserved Space (Unlimited Access, 24/7)	
County Employee	\$125.00
Non-County Employee	\$200.00
Lost or Damaged Cards	\$ 45.00
Lost Parking Ticket	\$ 45.00
Parking Garage, 102 Martin L King Jr. Blvd - Hourly / Daily Rates	
Hourly Rate – 1 to 6 hours	\$ 2.00
- Over 7 hours	\$ 20.00
Daily Rate	\$ 20.00
Weekend Rate (Saturday Or Sunday)	\$ 20.00
Special Events (Rates may vary)	\$ 35.00 - 45.00

Article Q.

Police Administrative Fees

Section 1 Police Records Fees

The charge for printed copies of records shall be ten cents (.10) per page for copying. This includes reports such as incidents, accidents, and black and white photographs. There is no fee for emailed documents. Fees are determined by the cost of the service unless otherwise governed by the Open Records Act.

Section 2 Fingerprinting for Alcohol and Beverage (ABC) Permits

CCPD Records unit will fingerprint, using Livescan technology, any person desiring a permit for a new business that sells alcoholic beverages and is located in Chatham County. The cost for new ABC Permit fingerprinting is \$5.00. CCPD will fingerprint for annual renewal of ABC Permits. The cost for annual renewal fingerprinting is \$5.00.

Section 3 Search and Retrieval Services

The associated fees for CCPD Forensic and Records Units are charged in accordance with established Georgia O.C.G.A 50-18-71. The first 15 minutes are free of charge. After the initial 15 minutes, the hourly rate of the lowest paid, full-time administrative/clerical employee who, at the discretion of the Custodian of Records, has the necessary skill and training to perform the request will be charged.

Section 4 Parking Citation

Pursuant to Chatham County Code Chapter 12: Motor Vehicles, Roads, Streets and Highways. Article III and Article IV violations of the parking regulations of the County shall be as follows:

1. Commercial vehicle parking in residential neighborhood \$150.00
2. Trailer or semitrailer parking violation \$150.00
3. Parking in a no public zone or in public right of way \$50.00
4. Double Parking \$50.00
5. Improper Parking at a curb \$15.00
6. Parking on wrong side of street \$10.00
7. Parking on a sidewalk \$30.00
8. Parking on a median or greenspace \$50.00
9. Parking at a fire hydrant \$150.00
10. Parking in a fire zone (inactive) \$15.00
11. Parking in a fire zone (active) \$500.00
12. Overnight Boat Ramp parking violation \$50.00
13. Parked outside of designated spaces at Boat Ramps \$15.00
14. Abandoned vehicle at Boat Ramp \$150.00
15. Commercial vehicles parked at Boat Ramp for sales without permission \$250.00
16. Parking illegally in spaces for persons with disabilities \$200.00

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

Section 5 Video / Audio Copying Fee

Video obtained through the use of Body Worn Camera (BWC) or vehicle Dash Cameras will be charged at a cost beginning with \$10.00 in accordance with OCGA 50-18-96(g). Additional fees are based on the length of the video in its entirety.

Section 6 GCIC Expungements/Restrictions

GCIC Expungements or Restrictions are processed at a fee of \$50.00 per packet. Expungements or Restrictions must be handled by the agency where the original charges were filed. The standard processing time is approximately 90 days from the date of submission.

Section 7 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.

<u>Single Animal License (quantity less than 10)</u>	
Dog 1 year	\$ 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

Dewormed:

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 8 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 9 False Alarm Service Fees

- a. Fees Established: Pursuant to Chatham County Code Section 10-301 thru 10-319, 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, Chatham County Fire personnel, 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 must provide to the Alarm System Coordinator a listing of locations that are using an alarm system as defined in Section 10-302(4) of the Chatham County Code furnished by said business. This listing must be in a computerized format, including an electronic and searchable format, a complete listing of all customers of the alarm system company which shall include all addresses located in unincorporated Chatham County that the alarm system company monitors, and the name and address of the person or company who receives the monitoring bill. 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, and 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 10 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:** Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per lot.

- b. Other than Single Family Residential Land Disturbing Activities Development Permit: Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) base charge, plus one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400) per disturbed acre or any pro-rated portion thereof.
- c. Other than Single Family Residential Land Disturbing Activities Clearing and/or Grading Permit: Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) base charge, plus seven hundred dollars (\$700) 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: One hundred dollars (\$100.00) per lot.
- f. Arborist Lot Tree Re-Inspection: One hundred dollars (\$100.00) 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: Four hundred dollars (\$400.00) 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.
- m. Plat Review: 25% of the original fee, required to be paid prior to starting the 4th review and each subsequent review.

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: Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) base charge, plus 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.
- g. Right of Way Encroachment Plan Review Fee: \$150 per plan.
- h. Floodplain Development Review and Inspection Fee:
 - (a) Large project \$450.00 per project (includes projects over 250 sq. ft. including but not limited to new residence, substantial improvement, large addition, and large detached structures).
 - (b) Small project \$150.00 per project (includes projects of 250 sq. ft. or less including but not limited to small addition, porch, pool, deck, and small detached structures).
 - (c) Electrical and mechanical fifty dollars (\$50.00) per project (included projects are installing or replacing EV charges, generators, HVAC, and solar panes not included as components in Large or Small projects submitted above).
 - (d) Non-impact of footprint projects fifty dollars (\$50.00) per project when work does not alter footprint of the structure (includes screening open porch, replacing windows or roofs, and renovating/altering interior spaces). Projects reaching 50% Rule for improvement material and labor costs will require substantial improvement review. See Large Project (a) above.
- i. Floodplain Encroachment Flood Study Review Fee: \$150 per flood study. Flood Study shall have prior approval by the Floodplain Administrator before submission.
- j. Failure to Obtain a Floodplain Development Review: Where development activities occur in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SHFA) prior to issuance of said floodplain approval, 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.
- k. Stormwater Televising Inspection Fee: Set-up fee of \$120.00 plus \$1.25 per linear foot of

inspection.

- I. Flood Model Update: Four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) base charge, plus one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each outfall. This applies only to disturbed areas 5 acres and larger.

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 B.

Fees for the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum may be found in Appendix B-1.

Section 2 Recognized Community Organization

An organization who registers with County Parks & Recreation Department annually as being in Chatham County 80% or more of their membership being Chatham County Residents.

Section 3 Participating Club

An organization registered with the Chatham County Parks and Recreation Department which participates in a youth sports league or program through the Chatham County Parks and Recreation Department.

Article T. Inspection Fees

Section 1. General Provisions

A. The following schedule establishes all fees for building permits, trade permits, fire permits, inspections, and related services administered by Chatham County.

B. **Minimum Fee:** \$30.00

C. **Maximum Fee:** \$100,000.00 (includes Plan Review and Permit Fee)

D. **Work Without a Permit:** \$250.00 penalty or **double the required fee**, whichever is higher.

E. Construction value shall be calculated as specified within each permit category.

Section 2. Building Permit Fees

A. Additions – Residential

Construction value = under-roof square footage × \$80

- \$0–\$10,000 → \$75
- \$10,001–\$20,000 → \$100
- \$20,001–\$30,000 → \$165
- \$30,001–\$40,000 → \$225
- \$40,001–\$50,000 → \$275
- \$50,001–\$75,000 → \$375
- Above \$75,000 → \$7 per \$1,000

B. Additions – Commercial

Construction value = under-roof square footage × \$100

- Same fee tiers as residential, except:

- \$10,001–\$20,000 → \$125
- \$20,001–\$30,000 → \$175
- \$30,001–\$40,000 → \$250
- \$40,001–\$50,000 → \$325
- \$50,001–\$75,000 → \$400
- Above \$75,000 → \$7 per \$1,000

C. Air Curtain Destructor

- Under \$75,000 → \$300
- Over \$75,000 → \$450

D. Alterations / Repairs – Residential

Construction value = under-roof square footage × \$80

- Same fee schedule as Residential Additions.

E. Alterations / Repairs – Commercial

Construction value = under-roof square footage × \$100

- Same fee schedule as Commercial Additions.

F. Antenna / Towers

- Tower modifications ≤ \$75,000 → \$150
- Tower modifications > \$75,000 → \$7 per \$1,000
- New tower → \$7 per \$1,000

G. DCA Office Fee

- \$50

H. Demolition

Residential:

- Under \$75,000 → \$175
- Over \$75,000 → \$6 per \$1,000

Commercial:

- Under \$75,000 → \$250
- Over \$75,000 → \$7 per \$1,000

I. Docks

Residential:

- Under \$75,000 → \$250
- Over \$75,000 → \$6 per \$1,000

Commercial / Multi-family:

- Under \$75,000 → \$425
- Over \$75,000 → \$7 per \$1,000

J. Detached Garage / Carport – Residential

Construction value = square footage × \$40

- \$0–\$10,000 → \$75
- \$10,001–\$20,000 → \$100
- \$20,001–\$30,000 → \$175
- \$30,001–\$40,000 → \$225
- \$40,001–\$50,000 → \$275
- \$50,001–\$75,000 → \$375
- Over \$75,000 → \$6 per \$1,000

K. Detached Garage / Carport – Commercial

Construction value = square footage × \$40

- Same tiers as residential except:
 - \$10,001–\$20,000 → \$125
 - \$20,001–\$30,000 → \$175
 - \$30,001–\$40,000 → \$250
 - \$40,001–\$50,000 → \$325
 - \$50,001–\$75,000 → \$375
 - Over \$75,000 → \$7 per \$1,000

L. Mobile Homes

- Mobile Home Park → \$75
- Private Property → \$125

M. New Construction – Residential

Construction value = under-roof square footage × \$80

- Under \$75,000 → \$450
- Above \$75,000 → \$6 per \$1,000

N. New Construction – Commercial

Construction value = under-roof square footage × \$100

- Under \$75,000 → \$450
- Above \$75,000 → \$6 per \$1,000

O. New Warehouse

Construction value = under-roof square footage × \$70

- Fee → \$7 per \$1,000

P. Storage Buildings – Residential

Construction value = square footage × \$40

- Same fee schedule as Residential Additions.

Q. Storage Buildings – Commercial

Construction value = square footage × \$40

- Same fee schedule as Commercial Additions.

R. Swimming Pools

Residential:

- Under \$75,000 → \$275 (inground)
- Under \$75,000 → \$125 (above-ground)
- Above \$75,000 → \$6 per \$1,000

Commercial:

- Under \$75,000 → \$475
- Above \$75,000 → \$7 per \$1,000

S. Moving a Building / Structure

- Under \$75,000 → \$125
- Over \$75,000 → \$6 per \$1,000 (residential)
- Over \$75,000 → \$7 per \$1,000 (commercial)

T. Reinspection Fee

- After two failures → \$40

U. Tents

- \$50

V. Wells

- Shallow → \$50
- Deep, Single-family → \$100 (<\$75,000) / \$6 per \$1,000 (>\$75,000)
- Deep, Multi-family / Commercial → \$150 (<\$75,000) / \$7 per \$1,000 (>\$75,000)

W. Window Replacement

- Under \$75,000 → \$65
- Over \$75,000 → \$6 per \$1,000 (residential)
- Over \$75,000 → \$7 per \$1,000 (commercial)

Section 3. Trade Permit Fees

A. Electrical

- Up to \$75,000 → \$40
- Over \$75,000 → \$4 per \$1,000 (residential)
- Over \$75,000 → \$5 per \$1,000 (commercial)

B. Gas

Same fee schedule as Electrical.

C. Mechanical

Same fee schedule as Electrical.

D. Plumbing

Same fee schedule as Electrical.

E. Generators

Residential:

- Under \$75,000 → \$85
- Over \$75,000 → \$6 per \$1,000

Commercial:

- Under \$75,000 → \$175
- Over \$75,000 → \$7 per \$1,000

F. EV Chargers

Interior:

- Under \$75,000 → \$50
- Over \$75,000 → \$4 per \$1,000

Exterior (1–2 units):

- Under \$75,000 → \$150
- Over \$75,000 → \$4 per \$1,000 (residential)
- Over \$75,000 → \$5 per \$1,000 (commercial)

Exterior (3+ units):

- Under \$75,000 → \$250
- Over \$75,000 → \$5 per \$1,000

Section 4. Fire Department Fees

- **Alarm Permit:** \$85 plan review + \$12 per \$1,000 permit fee
- **BDA (Bidirectional Amplifiers):** \$85 plan review + \$12 per \$1,000 permit fee
- **Fire Sprinkler Permit:** \$85 plan review + \$12 per \$1,000 permit fee
- **Hood Permit:** \$85 plan review + \$12 per \$1,000 permit fee
- **Lithium Battery Storage:** \$150
- **Suppression System:** \$85 plan review + \$12 per \$1,000 permit fee
- **Life Safety Inspection:** \$150 (includes personal care homes ≤6 residents, business relocation, and inspection requests)

Section 5. Safety Inspections

- Power off > 6 months → \$50

Section 6. Signs

- Temporary → \$25

- Permanent:
 - Under \$75,000 → \$60
 - Over \$75,000 → \$0.40 per square foot

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. New Construction Fee

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 – Demolition: The fee for Board Review of a Demolition of a contributing building will be set at \$500.00.
3. 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 \$125.00 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.

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	\$ 127.05
Base Rate 0 cubic feet per 2 month billing period	\$ 38.72
0-2,000 cubic feet (748 gallons)	\$ 8.03
2,000 cubic feet up to 5,000 cubic feet	\$ 8.80
Customer Deposit - Sewer Only	\$ 151.00
Sewer – Special Flat Rate	\$1,848.00
Sewer – Special Deposit Flat Rate	\$ 150.00
Sewer – Irrigation Base Charge	\$ 37.40
Sewer – Bethesda Base Charge	\$ 37.40

Section 3 Tap-In Fees

Sewer	\$3,000.00
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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>(\$)</u> Cost <u>Per Lot</u>	<u>(\$)</u> Admin <u>Fee Per Lot</u>	<u>\$</u> Total <u>Cost Per Lot</u>
Rate 01	5560	29.00	1.00	30.00
Rate 02	3096	33.00	1.00	34.00

Rate 03	4431	41.00	1.00	42.00
Rate 04	75	44.00	1.00	45.00
Rate 05	45	55.00	1.00	56.00
Rate 06	37	64.00	1.00	65.00
Rate 07	47	74.00	1.00	75.00
Rate 08	145	84.00	1.00	85.00
Rate 09	7	93.00	1.00	94.00
Rate 10	1	107.00	1.00	108.00
Rate 11	9	121.00	1.00	122.00
Rate 27	49	344.00	1.00	345.00

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

Refer to County Code Chapter 17. <https://www.chathamcountyga.gov/OurCounty/CodeBook>

Article CC. Business / Occupational Tax

Refer to County Code Chapter 16. <https://www.chathamcountyga.gov/OurCounty/CodeBook>

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 the 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 July 1, 2026 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 _____, 2026.

Chester A. Ellis, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Janice Bocook, County Clerk

APPENDIX A



**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 vehicles	\$250.00	\$381.25
<u>REGISTRATION AND LICENSING VIOLATIONS:</u>			
40-2-6	Alteration of license plates	\$500.00	\$722.50

40-2-7	Removing/affixing license	\$250.00	\$381.25
40-2-8(a)	Failure to register vehicle within 30 days after Becoming a resident	(SHOW PROOF) \$100.00	\$176.50
<u>REGISTRATION AND LICENSING VIOLATIONS:</u>		Base Fine	Fine + Fees
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 1 st offense \$100 2 nd + 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) \$25.00	\$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	Operations of vehicles in other states	\$130.00	\$217.45
<u>DRIVERS LICENSES VIOLATIONS:</u>			
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
40-6-2	Obedience to authorized person directing traffic	\$130.00	\$217.45
<u>DRIVERS LICENSES VIOLATIONS:</u>		Base Fine	Fine + Fees
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
<u>UNIFORM RULES OF THE ROAD VIOLATIONS:</u>			
40-6-14	Limits on sound volume produced by radio, rom Within vehicles	\$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	\$200.00	\$313.00
40-6-40	Driving on wrong side	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-41	Passing vehicles proceeding in opposite	\$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 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
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
<u>UNIFORM RULES OF THE ROAD VIOLATIONS:</u>		Base Fine	Fine + Fee
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 at 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
40-6-91(d)	Passing vehicle stopped for pedestrian in crosswalk	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-92	Crossing by pedestrian elsewhere than crosswalk	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-96	Pedestrians waling 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
40-6-142	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
<u>UNIFORM RULES OF THE ROAD VIOLATIONS:</u>		Base Fine	Fine + Fee
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 APPEARANCE REQUIRED	\$500.00+
	SCHOOL ZONE:		
	Up to 10 mph over limit	\$80.00	\$149.20
	11-20 mph over limit	\$200.00	\$294.75
	21-29 mph 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 zones:		
	Up to 14 mph over limit	\$300.00	\$394.75
	15-24 mph over limit	\$400.00	\$503.88
	25-29 mph over limit	\$500.00	\$603.88
	35+ mph over limit	COURT APPEARANCE REQUIRED	
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	\$176.50
40-6-246	Coasting	\$100.00	\$176.50
40-6-247	Following emergency vehicle illegally	\$200.00	\$313.00
<u>UNIFORM RULES OF THE ROAD VIOLATIONS:</u>		Base Fine	Fine + Fee
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 required	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-315(b)	Windshield/protective eyewear required	\$130.00	\$217.45
40-6-330	Motorized carts; hours of operations	\$60.00	\$121.90
40-6-361	Traffic laws applicable to low-speed vehicles	\$60.00	\$121.90

OFF ROAD VEHICLES:

40-7-4	Operating restrictions	\$100.00	\$176.50
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VEHICLE EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS:

40-8-3	Vehicle or loading 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
<u>VEHICLE EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS:</u>		Base Fine	Fine + Fees
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
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 cost added)	\$50.00
40-8-76.1	No seatbelts	\$15.00 (No cost added)	\$15.00
40-8-90	Restrictions on flashing or revolving blue lights On vehicles	\$1000.00	\$1,355.00

VIOLATIONS REQUIRING COURT APPEANCE:

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 REQUIRED
40-5-120	Unlawful use of license	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQUIRED
<u>VIOLATIONS REQUIRING COURT APPEANCE:</u>		
Continued		
40-5-125	False driver's license application	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQUIRED
40-6-10	No insurance (unable to provide proof)	MANDATORY COURT (SHOW PROOF)
40-6-181	Speeding violation 41+ over limit	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQUIRED
40-6-186	Racing	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQUIRED
40-6-251	Laying drags	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQUIRED
40-6-253	Open container	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQUIRED
40-6-270	Hit and run	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQUIRED
40-6-271	Striking unattended vehicle	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQUIRED
40-6-273	Failure to report accident	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQUIRED
40-6-391	Driving under the influence	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQUIRED
40-6-393	Homicide by vehicle	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQUIRED
40-6-394	Serious injury by vehicle	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQUIRED
40-6-395	Fleeing/Eluding police officer	MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE REQUIRED

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
- 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 charges 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))

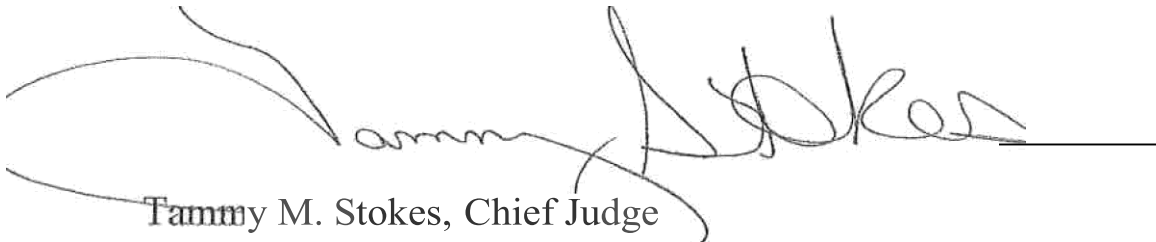
**AUTHORITY OF CLERK OF COURT TO ESTABLISH FINES
FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES OMITTED FROM SCHEDULE**

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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy M. Stokes", written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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 terrapins	\$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(f)	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	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 skis	\$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 B
Recreation Fees

***Non-Profit Rates 25% discount Monday – Thursday.
 Friday, Saturday, and Sunday normal rates are applied.**

COMMUNITY PARK RENTALS

LAKE MAYER PARK	Rate	Non-Profit Rate*
Pavilion #1	\$85.00	\$63.75
Pavilion #2	\$75.00	\$56.25
Conference Room	\$85.00	\$63.75

TOM TRIPLETT PARK	Rate	Non-Profit Rate*
Pavilion #1	\$90.00	\$67.50
Pavilion #2	\$65.00	\$48.75
Conference Room	\$95.00	\$71.25

L. SCOTT STELL PARK	Rate	Non-Profit Rate*
Pavilions #1	\$70.00	\$52.50
Pavilion #2	\$55.00	\$41.25
Pavilion #3	\$55.00	\$41.25
Conference Room	\$85.00	\$63.75
Garden Enclosed Fees *Quarterly*	\$40.00	\$30.00

L. SCOTT STELL - Airnasium – Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball	Rate	Non-Profit Rate*
Tier 1 ** Single Sport Game	\$1,250.00	\$937.50
Tier 2 ** Single Sport Game	\$650.00	\$487.50

RETHA MAE MCCOY COMMUNITY PARK	Rate	Non-Profit Rate*
Pavilion #1	\$75.00	\$56.25
Pavilion #2	\$55.00	\$41.25
Pavilions #3	\$55.00	\$41.25

MOTHER MATILDA BEASLEY PARK	Rate	Non- Profit Rate*
Pavilion Fee	\$75.00	\$56.25

KINGS FERRY	Rate	Non- Profit Rate*
Pavilion #1	\$55.00	\$41.25
Pavilions #2	\$45.00	\$33.75

TYBEE PIER & PAVILION	Rate	Non- Profit Rate*
Rental Fee	\$150.00	\$112.50

FRANK G. MURRAY COMMUNITY CENTER	Rate	Non-Profit Rate*
Room A Rental Fee Only	\$140.00	\$105.00
Room B Rental Fee Only	\$75.00	\$56.25
Room A & B Rental Fee	\$200.00	\$150.00

MEMORIAL STADIUM MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM	Rate	Non-Profit Rate*
Room Rental	\$225.00	\$168.75

MEMORIAL STADIUM FEES	Rate	Non-Profit Rate*
Tier 1	\$2,100.00	\$1,575.00
Tier 2	\$850.00	\$637.50
Tier 3	\$450.00	\$337.50
Tier 4	\$210.00	\$157.50
Hourly: Full-Field	\$250.00	\$187.50
Hourly: Half-Field	\$130.00	\$97.50

Multi-Purpose Field	Rate	Non-Profit Rate*
Tier 1 ** Full Day Event	\$1,250.00	\$937.50
Tier 2 ** Group A	\$650.00	\$487.50
Tier 3 ** Group B	\$450.00	\$337.50
Tier 4 ** Group C	\$150.00	\$112.50
Pavilion #3 Hourly	\$125.00	\$93.75

YOUTH SPORTS TEAM FEES	Rate	Non-Profit Rate*
Basketball Tournament	\$200.00	\$150.00
Softball/Baseball Tournaments	\$185.00	\$138.75
Football League	\$200.00	\$150.00
Basketball League	\$200.00	\$150.00
Soccer Club	\$225.00	\$168.75

All Other Sports	\$200.00	\$150.00
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OTHER SPORTS/PARK SPACE FEES	Rate	Non-Profit Rate*
Vendor Space 10 x 10	\$50.00	\$37.50
Amusement Equipment Space	\$50.00	\$37.50
Field Use Hourly: Grass	\$20.00	\$15.00
Field Use Hourly: Grass	\$15.00	\$11.25
Field Use Hourly: Turf	\$32.50	\$24.38
Field Use Hourly: Turf	\$21.25	\$15.94
Special Event Lot Space : 4 Hours	\$400.00	\$300.00
Special Event Lot Space : 8 Hours	\$800.00	\$600.00
Tom Triplet Disc Golf	\$21.25	\$15.94
Wilmington Disc Golf	\$22.25	\$16.69
Food Truck Space	\$125.00	\$93.75
Daytime Field Usage Recognized Community Organizations Up to Two Hours Fees Waived		

ALL OTHER PAVILIONS	Rate	Non-Profit Rate*
Chatham County Schools	N/C	
Chatham County Schools (Over 2 Hours) Hourly	\$30.00	\$22.50
Outside Chatham County	\$30.00	\$22.50
Outside Chatham County (Over 2 Hours) Hourly	\$55.00	\$41.25
Wilmington Island Park Hourly	\$55.00	\$41.25

Off Season	Rate	Non-Profit Rate*
Soccer (no lights) Weekly (3 days per week)	\$30.00	\$22.50
Soccer (with lights) Weekly (3 days per week)	\$55.00	\$41.25
Lacrosse (no lights) Weekly (2 days per week)	\$30.00	\$22.50
Lacrosse (with lights) Weekly (2 days per week)	\$55.00	\$41.25
Baseball (no lights) Weekly (2 days per week)	\$30.00	\$22.50
Baseball (with lights) Weekly (2 days per week)	\$55.00	\$41.25

Refundable Cleaning/ Maintenance Deposit – Damages exceeding \$150 will be billed to the Permit Holder directly, from a vendor chosen by Chatham County Park and Recreation. To exclude Memorial stadium which requires a fee for cleaning and maintenance set up and breakdown for all external events.

CHATHAM COUNTY AQUATIC CENTER

Daily Admission Fees	Child (2 & Under)	Free
	Child (3 yrs. – 12)	\$7.00
	Senior (60+)/College, Military	\$8.00
	Adult (13-59 yrs.)	\$9.00

Memberships Annual & Monthly Pay Options

Individual College/Military	\$550 prepay for a year \$55 monthly
Family Military	\$800 prepay for a year \$80 monthly
Individual	\$620 prepay for a year \$62 monthly
Family	\$1100 prepay for a year \$110 monthly
Child (3-12 yrs old)	\$300 prepay for year \$30 monthly
Senior 60+ Individual	\$340 prepay for a year \$34 monthly

Prepaid Members can freeze the account 3 times in a year extending their membership.
Monthly members do not have this option. *Paying Monthly is a 20% mark up on total yearly price

Swim Team Memberships	Angelfish – all ages	\$25 per month
	The Kraken – ages 6-16	\$155 per 3-month season
Locker Rentals		\$100 per year

Punch Cards (for open swim and water aerobics)

	Adult 13 yrs to 59 yrs	Select*	Child 3-12	Child 2 & Under	Family
10 Swims	\$80	\$70	\$60	Free	N/A
20 Swims	\$160	\$140	\$120	Free	\$150
40 Swims	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$300

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

Swimming Lessons

	1 Student	2 Students	3 Students	Group Learn To	Group Stroke	Babies & Tots
	1 lesson	1 lesson	1 lesson	8 lessons	8 lessons	4 lessons
Member	\$30	\$42	\$55	\$60	\$70	\$35
Non-Member	\$35	\$48	\$60	\$70	\$80	\$42

Holiday Camp

Non – Member

Member

\$50 per day

\$40 per day

Lifeguard Certification Course

\$250 per course

CPR Class

\$75 per course

Lane Rental

FEE SCHEDULE	
25 Yard Lane	\$11.00 per lane/per hour
50 Meter Lane	\$22.00 per lane per hour
Use of PA system (subject to availability)	\$75/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, other agency training, filming, etc.

FEE SCHEDULE		
Daily	\$11 per participant for 1 on 1	
	\$38 for 2-5 participants per hour	\$70 for 6-10 participants per hour

Facility Rental-Competitive Swim Meets/Aquatic Events for Out of County Renters

FEE SCHEDULE Operating Hours 6:00AM-8:00PM Mon-Fri & 7:00AM-6:00PM Saturdays/Sundays	
Note: USER must provide a 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 the entire facility, with P.A. system, start system, and touchpad timing system.	\$4,200/day 5 hours or less pro-rated to ½ day - \$2,125
Exclusive use of 50 meter competition pool, with P.A. system, start system, and touchpad timing system.	\$3,000/day 5 hours or less pro-rated to ½ day - \$1,525
Use of eight (8) lane 25-yd championship course, with P.A. system, start system, and touchpad timing system or button timing system.	\$185/hour within regular operational hours. Additional lanes: \$13.00/hr. On Sundays, exclusive use rate only
After Hours Additional Fee	\$ 440/hour additional fee added on

Facility Rental-Competitive Invitational/Club Swim Meets/Events for In County Renters

FEE SCHEDULE Operating Hours 6:00AM-8:00PM Mon-Fri & 7:00AM-6:00PM Saturdays/Sundays	
Note: USER must provide a 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 the entire facility, with P.A. system, start system, and touchpad timing system.	\$3,000/day 5 hours or less pro-rated to ½ day - \$1,525
Exclusive use of 50 meter competition pool, with P.A. system, start system, and touchpad timing system.	\$2,350/day 5 hours or less pro-rated to ½ day - \$1,175
Use of eight (8) lane 25-yd championship course, with P.A. system, start system, and touchpad timing system or button timing system.	\$140/hour within regular operational hours. Additional lanes: \$13.00/hr On Sundays, exclusive use rate only
After Hours Additional Fee	\$440/hour additional fee added on

Facility Rental-Competitive District/Divisional/Regional Swim Meets/Events

FEE SCHEDULE Operating Hours 6:00AM-8:00PM Mon-Fri & 7:00AM-6:00PM Saturdays/Sundays

Note: USER must provide a 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 the entire facility, with P.A. system, start system, and touchpad timing system.	\$3,800/day 5 hours or less pro-rated to ½ day \$1,900
After Hours Additional Fee	\$440/hour additional fee added on

Facility Rental-Competitive State/Sectional/Championship Swim Meets/Events

<i>FEE SCHEDULE Operating Hours</i> 6:00AM-8:00PM Mon-Fri & 7:00AM-6:00PM Saturdays/Sundays	
Note: USER must provide a 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 the entire facility, with P.A. system, start system, and touchpad timing system.	\$ 5660/day

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.

<i>FEE SCHEDULE</i>	<i>6 Months Agreement</i>	<i>Yearly Agreement (12 months)</i>
Department Wide	Not Available	\$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.		

Other Rentals

<i>FEE SCHEDULE</i>	<i>Includes</i>	
Training Room	Tables and chairs for a maximum of 12 guests.	\$50 per hour
Equipment	Other agencies use of backboards, rescue tubes, diving blocks, and other miscellaneous training equipment	\$55
Other Rental (For Profit) Filming, Special Events, etc.	Space agreed upon in rental agreement	\$400 per hour Plus \$50 per hour for staff
Other Rental (Non-Profit) Student Films, etc.	Space agreed upon in rental agreement	\$230 per hour Plus \$50 per hour for staff

Party Rental

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

<i>FEE SCHEDULE</i>	<i>Includes</i>	
Party set-up and recreational swim	Table and chair set up for maximum of 30 guests.	\$125 non-refundable reservation/set-up fee plus \$175 rental fee

Group Reserved Admission

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

<i>FEE SCHEDULE</i>	<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.	\$100 refundable reservation holding fee refunded at the end of season, per-person fee payable at time of entry, based on age of attendees with maximum of 30 group size.
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Pool Only
 \$20 Employee Only
 \$40 Employee & Family

The Aquatic Center uses a third party software system with integrated credit card processor for all daily Transactions. The credit card fess are paid to the processor monthly.

ANDERSON COHEN WEIGHTLIFTING CENTER

Daily Admission	\$10
Individual Membership – Monthly	\$30
Family Membership – Monthly	\$60
GEM Program Membership – Monthly	\$20
Savannah State Student Athlete Membership - Monthly	\$10
Therapeutic Exercise – Per Visit	\$5
County Employee Membership - Monthly	\$15
Personal Training Member	\$40-\$75
Personal Training Non-Member	\$50-\$85
Full Facility Rental	\$75 /hr.
Non-Profit	\$50 /hr.
Meets	\$10 per lifter

Exemption for Board of Education Exceptional Students
 Management Contract does include proposed rates for programs and events outside these daily admission and membership rates.

HENDERSON GOLF COURSE

Daily Greens Fees

Weekday Rates	18 Riding	9 Riding	Unlimited Riding Twilight	18 Walking	9 Walking
Regular	\$50	\$30	\$45	\$29	\$17
Select*	\$47	\$28	\$42	\$26	\$15
Junior (age)	\$32	\$21	\$22	\$20	\$14
Weekend Rates	18 Riding	9 Riding	Unlimited Riding Twilight	18 Walking	9 Walking

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Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum

Admission Rates:

Less than 10	Adults	\$14.00
	Students	\$7.00
	Seniors (65 and Above)	\$8.00
Group rates 10 Or More Adults		\$10.00
	Students	\$5.00
	Seniors (65 and Above)	\$7.00

Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas Multipurpose Annex:

Alcohol Fees:	Beer	\$100.00 per day
	Wine	\$100.00 per day
	Liquor	\$100.00 per day

Misc. Fees (Non-refundable):

Application	\$25.00
Newspaper Ad	\$15.00
GBI Background Check	\$45.00

Rental	\$2,500.00
Security Deposit	\$400.00 (Refundable per contract terms & Conditions)

APPENDIX C

STATE OF GEORGIA)
)
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.

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

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(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

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

(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
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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.

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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

