

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF RABUN

ORDINANCE NO. 23-04

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FEE SCHEDULE ORDINANCE, TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR CITY SERVICES, PERMITS, INSPECTIONS & MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

Sec. 14-1. - Fee schedule established.

Fees and charges to be charged and collected by the city shall be as follows:

<b>Miscellaneous Charges</b>	
Fax to receive & send	\$0.50 per page
Copies	\$0.25 per copy for 8.5 x 11 \$0.50 per copy for 11 x 14 \$0.50 per color copy for 8.5 x 11 \$0.75 per color copy for 11 x 14
Address labels	\$1.00 per page
Maps of Sky Valley	Free road map
	\$5.00 for 11 x 17 color subdivision map
	\$15.00 for 24 x 30 color subdivision map
Lamination	\$2.00 per page

**Alcoholic Beverage License and Permit Fees**

Distilled spirits, on-premises consumption	\$1,000.00
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Distilled spirits, wholesale dealers	\$1,000.00
Distilled spirits, retail package	\$1,000.00
Beer/wine, on-premises consumption	\$100.00
Beer/wine, wholesale dealers	\$200.00
Beer/wine, retail package	\$200.00
Nonprofit permit to sell alcoholic beverages	\$25.00 or as otherwise authorized by the council

<b>Insurers License Fees</b>	
Annual license fee upon each insurer doing business within the city	\$15.00
For each separate business location in excess of one not covered by section 22-92, which is operating on behalf of such insurers within the city	\$15.00
Insurers insuring certain risks at additional business locations. For each separate business location not otherwise subject to a license fee hereunder operated and maintained by a business organization which is engaged in the business of lending money or transacting sales involving term financing and in connection with such loans or sales offers, solicits or takes application for insurance through a licensed agent of an insurer for insurance	\$10.00 per location for the year 1996 and for each year thereafter

**State Law reference**— License fees, O.C.G.A. §§ 3-4-48, 3-4-110, 3-5-42.

<b>Tree Cutting Permits</b>	
Cutting and topping	\$100.00 for the first 1 to 5 trees; \$20.00 for each tree over the first 5

Removal of dead/diseased/hazardous	\$25.00

<b>Signs; Sign Permits</b>	
Outdoor for sale signs	\$50.00 each (must be ordered through the city)
Commercial signs	\$100.00 plus \$2.00 per square foot

<b>Water Rates</b>			
	<i>Usage (Gallons)</i>	<i>Base Charge</i>	<i>Per Additional 1,000</i>
Residential Usage ¾" Meter Monthly Minimum Regardless of Usage	0—2,000	\$39.50	
	2,001—4,999	\$44.50	\$10.00
	5,000—9,999	\$64.50	\$11.00
	10,000—14,999	\$119.50	\$12.00
	15,000—19,999	\$179.50	\$13.00
	20,000—24,999	\$244.50	\$14.00
	25,000—34,999	\$314.50	\$15.00
	35,000—49,999	\$464.50	\$16.00
	50,000 +	\$704.50	\$17.00

	<i>Master Meter Size</i>	<i>Base Charge</i>	<i>Per Additional 1,000</i>
Multifamily and Commercial Monthly Minimum Regardless of Usage	¾"	\$45.25	\$10.00
	1"	\$69.00	\$10.00
	1.5"	\$126.50	\$10.00
	2"	\$241.50	\$10.00
	3"	\$471.50	\$10.00
	4"	\$586.50	\$10.00
	6"	\$701.50	\$10.00
	8"	\$931.50	\$10.00
	10"	\$1,161.50	\$10.00
Meter turn-on/off	\$30.00 per request during normal business hours of 8AM-4PM Mon-Fri \$200.00 per request for weekend, holiday, or after normal business hours		
Water service deposit	\$250.00 renter deposit		
Penalties for late payments	Nonpayment by the due date will be subject to a penalty of 10% per month		
Reconnection fee	Nonpayment for 60 days will subject service to termination. Reconnection fee is \$100.00 plus all minimum charges accrued while disconnected		
Water connect fee	¾" line tap and meter	\$3,000.00	
	1" line tap and meter	\$5,000.00	
	2" line tap and meter	\$10,000.00	
	3" line tap and meter	\$15,000.00	

	Connections to distribution line when not adjacent or parallel to property line or undeveloped parts of the city	The appropriate water connect fee above and the actual cost of materials and labor to run line including pavement repairs. The costs of water connection, materials, labor, and pavement repairs as part of extending water service shall be paid by the customer requesting service and prior to water service commencing.
Water connection and rate for outside city limits	1.5 times the corresponding rate for inside city limits	
Relocation of existing meter	\$3,000.00	

<b>Solid Waste Collection</b>	
Garbage collection as defined by the trash ordinance—monthly minimum regardless of usage	\$23.00 per month curbside, recycling, and access to the city compactor \$23.00 per month/per unit for multifamily units sharing a dumpster. \$30.00 per month for back door service or other alternate location
Illegal use of compactor/illegal dumping	Local ordinance set by city judge
Yard debris removal	\$100.00 per hour with the first 15 minutes per month included in garbage fee.

Removal or returning of refuse containers by the city as defined in the trash ordinance	\$30.00 per occurrence
Removal of accumulated, loose, scattered, or unbagged refuse or trash - by the city as defined in the trash ordinance	\$100.00 per hour and shall be billed in 15-minute increments and will be added to the water and trash bill and/or a lien shall be applied to the property for the cost of cleanup. Billing time shall commence once city personnel begin the action of collecting yard debris and billing time shall end once the collection is complete.

<b>Traffic</b>	
Personal transportation vehicle (PTV) registration	\$25.00 annual registration

<b>Housing and development fees; Planning and zoning applications</b>	
Annexation and map amendments	\$500.00
Re-zoning and map amendments	\$500.00
Conditional use	\$250.00
Variance	\$250.00

<b>Land Development Review, Inspection and Permits</b>
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Concept plan	\$500.00
Preliminary plat/site plan	\$500.00 or \$10.00/lot, whichever is greater
Water line review/inspection	\$750.00 or \$15.00/lot, whichever is greater
Road design review/inspection	\$750.00 or \$15.00/lot, whichever is greater
NPDES permit fee for LIA (city)	\$40.00 per each disturbed acre
NPDES permit fee for GA EPD	\$40.00 per each disturbed acre
Land disturbance permit	\$50.00 < 10 acres; \$150.00 for 10 acres to 25 acres; \$200.00 plus \$5.00 for each acre over 25
Final plat	\$350.00 or \$7.00/lot, whichever is greater

<b>Site/Plot Plan and Erosion and Sedimentation Control (For All Land Disturbance)</b>	
Soil erosion and sedimentation control monitoring and enforcement for all land disturbance	\$100.00 for 1 acre or less, plus \$50.00 per acre for each additional acre or portion thereof

<b>Demolition</b>	
(Requires performance bond = to 135% of cost of demolition)	
Demolition	\$0.10 per square foot (bond required); sf to be determined from tax assessor's website unless building plans are made available or information not available

<b>Preliminary Building Plan Review and Site Visits</b>	
(To be paid at the time of request and deducted from the price of the permit when application is made)	
Plan review	\$25.00
Site visit	\$25.00

<b>Building Permits (Residential and Commercial)</b>	
Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing permits will require a separate permit to be pulled by state-licensed and insured contractor. Roofing permits will require a separate permit to be pulled by insured contractor.	
New construction and additions to square footage	\$1.00 per square foot or portion thereof
Remodeling (50% or more of structure) Must be brought up to code	\$250.00
Remodeling ( 50% or less of structure)	\$75.00
Finished areas (basements) Must be brought up to code when 50% or more is being replaced or repaired	\$250.00
Unfinished areas (basements) New construction	\$1.00 per square foot or portion thereof



New installation- Decks/railings/landings/stairs or Remodeling/replacing 50% or more of structure that must be brought up to current code	\$75.00
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Remodeling/repairing/replacing- Decks/railings/landing/stairs 50% or less of structure	\$25.00
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<b>Roofing Permits (Residential and Commercial)</b>	
New installation and replacement 50% or more of structure must be brought up to current code	\$75.00
Repairs /replacement 50% or less of structure	\$25.00

<b>Mechanical Permits (Residential and Commercial)</b>	
Mechanical (new or add-on)	\$75.00
Mechanical (repair or replace) no new lines or venting	\$25.00

<b>Plumbing Permits (Residential and Commercial)</b>	
Plumbing (new or add-on)	\$75.00
Plumbing (repair or replace) no new lines or piping	\$25.00

<b>Gas Permit (Residential and Commercial)</b>	
Gas piping (new or add-ons)	\$75.00
Gas piping (repair or replace) no new lines or piping	\$25.00

<b>Electrical Permits (Residential and Commercial)</b>	
Electrical (new or add-ons)	\$75.00
Electrical (repair or replace existing) no new lines or wiring	\$25.00

<b>Other Miscellaneous Building Permits</b>	
Generator new or add on	\$75.00
Door/window (resize)	\$25.00
Jacuzzi/Hot tub new	\$25.00
Swimming pool install	\$150.00
Cell tower	\$2,500.00
Application for exemption from state water efficiency requirements of O.C.G.A. § 8-2-3 under the circumstances enumerated in O.C.G.A. § 8-2-3(e), for plumbing fixtures for new construction and the repair or renovation of an existing building	\$50.00 for the inspection and issuance of such exemption

<b>Wetlands Application Review</b>
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Filing fee to be used to retain expert consultants who will provide services pertaining to functional assessment, mitigation, and wetland boundary determinations, as deemed necessary by the building inspector.	Up to the larger of \$500.00 or \$100.00 per acre may be required to evaluate the application
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<b>Retaining Walls</b>	
Retaining walls > 4 ft. from bottom of footing to top of wall	\$100.00
Other poured concrete	\$50.00

<b>Re-Inspection Fees, Penalties and Fines</b>	
Re-inspection fee—1st and 2nd	\$25.00 1 <sup>st</sup> , \$50 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Re-inspection fee—3 or more	\$100.00 each
Penalty for starting work without a permit	Permit fee will be doubled for first offense, \$50.00 minimum
Falsifying a permit or repeat violation for starting work without a permit	Violator will be cited and subject to a fine of Local ordinance set by city judge

Short term rental – 30 days or less  
 An occupation / short-term rental license is valid for one year from date of issue.

Occupation/STR License – Initial License and Application	\$300.00
Occupation/STR License – Annual License Renewal	\$300.00
Operating short term rental without a license	Local Ordinance set by City judge

(Ord. No. 91-4, § 5, 4-1-1991; Ord. No. 95-2, § I, 1-9-1995; Ord. No. 95-14, §§ 1, 2, 12-4-1995; Ord. No. 96-25, § 1-15, 12-2-1996; Ord. No. 01-05, § VII(d), 6-29-2001; Ord. No. 01-08, 9-5-2001; Ord. No. 13-02, § I, 7-15-2013; Ord. No. 13-04, § I(21), 10-21-2013; Ord. No. 14-05, § 1(1200), 5-27-2014; Ord. No. 18-08, § I, 12-13-2018)

Sec. 14-02. – Effective date.

This ordinance shall take effect on October 1, 2023.

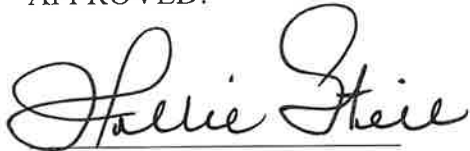
Sec. 14-03.- Conflicting Ordinances.

City ordinance 92-15, 94-4, & 92-25 and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 14-04.- Severability clause.

Should any word, phrase, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person, individual, business organization, partnership, circumstance be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction; such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance.

APPROVED:



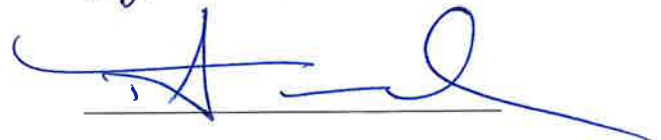
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