

Article L. FIRE SERVICE FEES

Section 1. FIRE SUBSCRIPTION FEES

(A) Fee Established. A fire protection subscription fee is hereby established to provide City fire protection services to properties located outside the corporate limits of the City of Savannah (excluding constitutionally-defined industrial zones).

(B) Rate. The annual rate for fire protection service for single-family or townhouse type residential property shall be 1.2 mills (.0012) on the dollar or \$1.20 per \$1,000.00 applied to the full market value of the protected real property as determined by the Chatham County Board of Assessors; provided however that there shall be a non-prorated minimum charge of \$60.00, and a maximum charge of \$500.00 for any protected single-family residential premises. For all other property types to receive fire protection service by the City, the annual fee shall be negotiated by the City Manager and ratified by the City Council.

(C) Due Date; Payment Provisions. Fire protection fees shall be paid in advance on a calendar year basis, due for the period January 1 through December 31 of the following year. The annual fee for new accounts shall be prorated by month. The fee for renewal shall be paid within 30 days after billing; otherwise, fire protection services will be discontinued immediately upon expiration of the period for which fees have been paid.

Section 2 VEHICLE FIRE SERVICE FEE

A \$250.00 vehicle fire service fee is hereby established for each service call by the Savannah Bureau of Fire and Emergency Services to a vehicle owned by a non-resident of the City of Savannah.

Section 3. PREVENTABLE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE FEES

Where Savannah Fire & Emergency Services equipment and personnel respond to incidents that are of an avoidable nature, at the discretion of the Fire Official, a fee to compensate Savannah Fire & Emergency Services for the mobilization of equipment and personnel is hereby established. A \$250.00 service fee may be charged to individuals for responses by Savannah Fire & Emergency Services to intentional or avoidable incidents.

Section 4. FIRE INCIDENT REPORT FEE

A \$5.00 fire incident report fee is hereby established to cover staffing and other costs for the Fire Department to retrieve, copy, and re-file a report.

Section 5. COMMERCIAL BURN PERMIT FEE

A \$100.00 commercial burn permit fee is hereby established for the burning of materials consistent with city, state, and federal regulations. A separate fee shall be required for each location, burn site, and/or forced air pit incinerator. The fee provides

for a maximum of two on-site inspections. Extra inspection fees as provided in this ordinance shall apply to additional inspections whether requested by the contractor or initiated by the Fire Official.

Section 6. BONFIRE PERMIT FEE

A \$50.00 fee shall be established for the permitting of a bonfire. Fire equipment fees shall apply when fire department equipment is deemed necessary by the Fire Official.

Section 7. FIRE SAFETY TRAINING FEE

Where emergency services training and/or certification is required by state law or for other licensing, certification, or accreditation, a fee of fair and reasonable cost will be charged for each person attending a training session. This fee may include the cost of materials, supplies, staff, follow up activities and other incidentals.

Section 8. FIRE EQUIPMENT FEE

A fee shall be established for the use of fire department equipment. Equipment shall be charged at Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) equipment usage rates. Charges shall be per hour based upon a minimum of four hours beginning when the equipment leaves its station and ending upon the equipment's return. Equipment fees do not include fire department personnel.

Section 9. FIREFIGHTER FEE

A fee shall be established for fire department personnel. Minimum staffing for fire department equipment and assignments shall be at the discretion of the Assistant Chief of Operations or their designee. The fee per hour shall be one and a half times the hourly wage of the assigned firefighter/s with a minimum of four hours.

Section 10. FIRE MARSHAL FEES

(A) Fire Protection Systems Inspection Fees. The fee for providing inspections of fire protection systems shall be \$8.00 per \$1,000.00 of materials and labor with a \$40.00 minimum. This fee shall be paid for work being performed on fire protection systems or when required by the Fire Official. Documentation verifying materials and labor shall be provided when required by the Fire Official.

(B) Plan Review Fee. On projects for which plan review services are performed by a fire marshal, but no permit is issued, a plan review fee of \$50.00 shall be charged.

(C) Penalty for not Taking out Required Permit. When work starts prior to the issuance of a permit, a penalty fee of \$500.00 shall be added to the permit fee, or the permit fee shall be doubled, whichever amount is greater.

(D) After-hours Inspections Fee. An after-hours inspection fee shall be charged for inspections conducted at times other than the regularly scheduled hours established

for the assigned Fire Inspector. The fee per hour shall be one and a half times the hourly wage of the Fire Inspector with a minimum of four hours. Fire Equipment Fees per the Revenue Ordinance shall be applicable.

(E) Extra Inspection Fee. When extra inspections are necessary to enforce fire or other applicable codes, due to any of the following reasons, a charge of \$50.00 for each re-inspection required, as a result of the same violation:

- (1) Work not in compliance with code and/or approved drawings.
- (2) Work not ready for inspection upon arrival.
- (3) Repairs or corrections not made when re-inspection has been scheduled.
- (4) Wrong address.

(F) Underground Fuel Storage Tank Inspection Fees. The owner or operator of underground fuel storage tanks shall pay all City inspections fees that are listed below:

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| (1) New underground tank installation, per tank inspection | \$40.00 |
| (2) Leak detection system installation, per tank inspection | \$40.00 |
| (3) New integral piping system installation, per inspection | \$40.00 |
| (4) Annual underground tank inspection and inventory check per tank facility. | \$60.00 |
| (5) Inspection of the removal or filling and capping of an underground storage tank | \$100.00 |
| (6) Inspection of repair or retrofitting of an underground tank or Integral piping system, per tank or piping system inspection. | \$40.00 |
| (7) Inspection of the removal operation of the pollutant, per inspection | \$40.00 |

(G) Existing Building Fees. There shall be a minimum fee of \$50.00 charged for the examining of any building to identify/address potential fire code requirements for which an application has been made to change a building's occupancy or certify the permitted occupancy.

(H) Fireworks Permit Fee. A fee of \$100.00 shall be paid for the conducting of fireworks displays within Savannah Fire & Emergency Services fire district.

Section 11. PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANT NON-COMPLIANT TESTING AND INSPECTION REPORT FEES.

Private Fire Hydrant Owners failing to provide a current annual hydrant testing and inspection compliance report from an independent service contractor shall pay a fee of \$500.00 for the first offense, \$750.00 fee for the second offense, and a \$1,000.00 fee for the third offense and thereafter.