



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Pat Monahan, City Manager  
**From:** Ashley Simpson, Revenue Director  
**CC:** David Maxwell, Chief Finance Officer  
Melissa Carter, Chief Budget Officer  
**Date:** 11/21/2019  
**Re:** 2020 Revenue Ordinance Fee Changes and Modifications

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For fiscal year 2020, various fee changes and revisions to the Revenue Ordinance were recommended by City staff. All revenue fee adjustments were included in the 2020 Proposed Budget, as presented to Council on November 15<sup>th</sup> and shown in Attachment A. All new fees, fee changes, and proposed fee increases are briefly summarized below. Basic changes without financial impact, attributed as scrivener's errors, are shown only in the redline draft of the ordinance, included as Attachment B.

### **Article A – General**

#### Section 1. Scope; Taxes and Fees

Modify effective date to "January 1, 2020"

### **Article B – Property Taxes**

#### Section 3. Exemptions

Sets Level 1 Freeport Exemption at 100% across all classes.

#### Section 4. Tax Rate

Modify to "The tentative or preliminary millage rate, as estimated to produce budgeted revenues from property taxes, is 12.856 mills on the dollar (.1286) or \$12.86 per \$1,000 in assessed value. The tentative or preliminary rate is shown here for information only, and is not levied by this ordinance."

### **Article I – 911 Emergency Telephone Service Fee\***

Specifies that fees collected on behalf of the City shall be remitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue, as the contracted collection partner of the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority.

### **Article J – Parking Fees**

#### Section 1. Fees for Parking Violations

Increases fee for parking in a street sweeping zone to \$35.00

### **Article N – Cemetery Fees**

#### Section 3. Fees for Cemetery Services

Increases monthly tour pass cost for entities offering walking, biking, or small passenger tour services.

**Article Q – Development and Review Fees**

Section 3. Private Development Fees

Adds “As Built Plan Review Fee” and “ESA Waiver Request Fee” to create parity with Chatham County fee structure.

**Article R – Leisure and Recreation Fees**

Section 1. Recreation Services Fees

B. Recreation Fees

- 5. Defines fee for Therapeutic Summer Camp, including transportation
- 7. Modifies Bacon Park Golf Course Fees to include non-resident rates.

\*\*Fee changes submitted by golf course operator\*\*\*

Section 2. Cultural Affairs Fees\*

A. Visual Arts

Language modified to include “up to” pricing structure

B. Rental

Language modified to include maximum fees

Section 3. Facility Fees

A. Athletic Fields, Complexes, and Swimming Pools

- Adds Open/Close Fees for athletic facilities

B. Recreation Centers

- Adds Open/Close Fees for athletic events
- Increases rental cost for Daffin Park Pavilion

Section 4. Pennsylvania Avenue Resource Center Fees

A. Annual Membership Fees

Section 5. Civic Center Fees\*

Adds language to authorize fees at Civic Center

**Article U – Utility Services Fees**

Section 2. Water Service Fees

Section 3. Sewer Service Fees

Section 6. Alternate New Employer Economic Development Rates\*

Section 8. Refuse Collection and Disposal Fees

Section 11. Utility Credits\*

- Update Elderly/Low Income and Disabled/Low Income to include language that allows all customers meeting guidelines, regardless of residences, to receive a utility discount. However, the discount will be provided at the inside-city rate only.

**Article X - Miscellaneous**

Section 5. Stormwater Management Credit Fee

- Adjusts calculation

Section 14. Special Event Fees

- New Special Event Application, Vendor, and Permit Fees

\*Revenue ordinance change not included in 2020 Proposed Budget