



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council *Joseph A. Melder*

FROM: Joseph A. Melder, City Manager

RE: **2023 Revenue Ordinance Fee Changes and Modifications**

DATE: November 18, 2022

For fiscal year 2023, various fee changes and revisions to the Revenue Ordinance were recommended by City staff. All revenue fee adjustments were included in the 2023 Proposed Budget, as presented to Council at the budget retreat held on November 14, 2022. All fee changes are briefly summarized below. Basic changes without financial impact, attributed as scrivener's errors, are summarized below and/or displayed in the redline version of the 2023 Revenue Ordinance.

Article A – General

Section 1. Scope; Taxes and Fees

Modify effective date to January 1, 2023.

Article B – Property Tax

Section 4. Tax Rate

- Modify tax rate to 12.20 mills

Article J – Parking Fees

Section 1. Parking Meter Fees

- (D) Residential Parking Permits for Meter Zones and Time-Limit Zones increased from \$175.00 to \$200.00

Section 2. Parking Citations

- (A)(4) Parking in sweeping zones increased from \$35.00 to \$40.00
 - (C) Vehicle immobilization fees increased from \$60.0 to \$100.00
- #### Section 3. City Parking Facility Fees
- (A) State Street Parking Garage Late Fee increased from \$20.00 to \$40.00 and Replacement Card Fee increased from \$20.00 to \$50.00
 - (B) Robert E. Robinson Garage increased from \$20.00 to \$40.00 and Replacement Card Fee increased from \$20.00 to \$50.00
 - (C) Bryan Street Parking Garage increased from \$20.00 to \$40.00 and Replacement Card Fee increased from \$20.00 to \$50.00
 - (E) Liberty Street Parking Garage increased from \$20.00 to \$40.00 and Replacement Card Fee increased from \$20.00 to \$50.00

- (H) Whitaker Street Parking Garage increased from \$20.00 to \$40.00 and Replacement Card Fee increased from \$20.00 to \$50.00
- (J) Eastern Warf Parking Garage add the following fees:
 - o \$2.00 per hour or portion thereof; 5 am – 5 pm Monday thru Friday
 - o \$2.00 Flat rate, 5pm to 5am, Monday - Friday
 - o \$5.00 flat rate, 5am to 5am, Saturday & Sunday, Monday, after 5am daily rate applies
 - o \$35.00 per month, 3pm - 6am, Monday - Sunday, after 6am daily rate applies
 - o \$40.00 per month, 5am to 9 pm, Monday – Friday; after 9pm daily rate applies
 - o \$70.00 per month, during operating hours
 - o \$180.00 per month, reserved space during operating hours
 - o \$5.00 to \$30.00 special event rate
 - o \$40.00 Late Fee – Monthly Payment
 - o \$50.00 Replacement Card Fee Section 4. Commercial Decals
- (C) Rate for Commercial Decals General increased from \$160.00 to \$200.00 Section 7. Private Trespass Towing Permit Fee
- Annual Fee increased from \$100.00 to \$150.00

Article L – Fire Service Fees

Section 2. Vehicle Fire Service Fee

- Vehicle Fire Service (non-resident) fee increased from \$275.00 to \$325.00 Section 3. Preventable Fire Department Response Fees
- Preventable Fire Department Response fee increased from \$275.00 to \$325.00 Section 4. Fire Incident Report Fee
- Fire Incident Report fee increased from \$6.50 to \$10.00 Section 5. Commercial Burn Permit Fee
- Commercial Burn Permit fee increased from \$125.00 to \$165.00
- Commercial Burn Permit Renewal increased from \$100.00 to \$105.00
- Commercial Burn Additional Pits increased from \$100.00 to \$115.00 Section 6. Bonfire permit Fee
- Bonfire Permit fee increases from \$75.00 to \$85.00 Section 7. Fires Safety Training Fee
- Training session fee range increases from \$25.00 to \$75.00 to \$30.00 to \$85.00 Section 8. Fire Equipment Fee changes to Firefighter and Fire Equipment Fees (Standby)
- Add Fire Department personnel and class fees ranging from \$27.00/hour to \$50.00/hour
- Add Fire Equipment fees ranging from \$35.85/hour to \$182.63/hour Section 9. Firefighter Fee changes to Fire Marshall Fees
- (A) Fire Protection Systems Inspection fee increases from \$10.00 per \$1,000.00 of materials and labor with a \$55.00 minimum to \$12.00 per \$1,000.00 of materials and labor with a \$55.00 minimum
- (B) Plan Review fee increases from \$75.00 to \$85.00
- (C) Penalty for not taking out Required Permit increases from \$650.00 to \$725.00
- (D) After Hours Inspections Fee changes from \$200.00 with and additional \$55.00 for each additional hour over four to \$260 plus an additional \$65.00 for each hour over four
- (E) Extra Inspection fee increased from \$75.00 to \$100.00
- (F) (1) Underground tank installation inspections from \$55.00 to \$75.00
- (F) (2) Leak detection tank inspections from \$55.00 to \$75.00
- (F) (3) New integral piping system inspections from \$55.00 to \$75.00

- (F) (4) Annual underground tank inspection and inventory check fee increased from \$75.00 to \$85.00
- (F) (5) Inspection of the removal or filling and capping of an underground storage tank increased from \$120.00 to \$155.00
- (F) (6) Inspection of repair or retrofitting of an underground tank or Integral piping system increased from \$55.00 to \$75.00
- (F) (7) Fee for the inspection of the removal operation of the pollutant increases from \$55.00 to \$75.00
- (G) Existing Building fee increased from \$75.00 to \$85.00
- (H) Fire Works Permit fee increases from \$120.00 to \$400.00

Section 11. Private Fire Hydrant Non-Compliant Testing and Inspection Report Fees changes to Fire Service Fee

- Part 3, Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia, Article H, Section 3-2091 – 3-2098 is incorporated to enact the Fire Service Fee to be amended to include such fee upon adoption by City Council

Article N – Cemetery Fees

Section 3. Fees for Cemetery Services

- Lot diagram preparation increases from \$75.00 to \$100.00
- Tour fee increases from \$40.00/hour to \$50.00/hour
- Monthly tour pass single cemetery from \$250.00 to \$300.00
- Bus or Trolley tour from \$350.00 to \$400.00
- Monthly tour pass all cemeteries from \$375.00 to \$425.00
- Bus or trolley monthly pass from \$550.00 to \$650.00
- Special Event fee from \$50.00/hour to \$75.00/hour
- Filming fee from \$150.00 to \$200.00
- After-hour filming/photography from \$250.00/hour to \$300.00/hour

Article Q – Development & Review Fees

Section 3. Private Development Fees

- (c)Site Plan Review fee increases from \$750.00 plus \$250.00 per acre to \$1,200.00 plus \$500 per acre; maximum from \$12,000.00 to \$28,000.00 Section 6. Zoning Confirmation Letters
- Zoning Confirmation Letter request from \$50.00 to \$150.00
- Rezoning or Text Amendment Application fee increases from \$600.00 to \$3,500.00 plus \$50.00 per acre
- Add fee for Rezoning or Text Amendment Application – Add Special Use Permit (standard) of \$2,300.00
- Add fee for Special Exception Permit Application (church, family care home, family daycare home or institutional use) of \$500.00

Article T – Tour Service Fees

Section 2. Permits and Fees

- (A) Motor Coach Tour Permits increased from \$20.00 per vehicle to \$253.00 per vehicle
- (B) Motor Coach Transportation Permits increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00

- (C) Multi-day Combination Permits increased from \$30.00 per vehicle to \$40.00 per vehicle

Article U – Utility Services Fees

- Combined Water and Sanitation fee increases averaging 3.91%

Article Y – Business Tax

Section 30. Alcohol Beverage Licenses

- (A) License & Permit Fees add the following:
The City Manager is hereby vested with the authority to waive up to 40% of alcohol license and permit fees to any person possessing a valid certificate of exemption issued pursuant to O.C.G.A. §43-12-1 (Exemption from payment of occupation tax, administrative fee, or regulatory fee) as amended

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