**MEMORANDUM**

To: Jay Melder, City Manager

From: Judee Jones, Revenue Director

CC: David Maxwell, Chief Financial Officer

Melissa Carter, Interim Chief of Management Services

Date: November 20, 2024

Re: 2025 Revenue Ordinance Fee Changes and Modifications

For fiscal year 2025, various fee changes and revisions to the Revenue Ordinance were recommended by City staff. All recommended fee changes are briefly summarized below. Basic changes without financial impact, attributed as scrivener’s errors, are summarized below.

**Article A – General**

Section 1. Scope; Taxes and Fees

* Modify the effective date to January 1, 2025.

**Article L – Fire Service Fees**

Section 2. Vehicle Fire Service Fee

* The Vehicle Fire Service Fee will decrease from $1757 to $600.

Section 5. Mobile Food Vendor Permit

A permit fee for mobile food vendors is hereby established as follows:

* A $45.00 fee for vendors with no cooking, warming of food, or portable power
* A $65.00 fee for vendors warming or reheating food and/or utilizing portable power or fuel.
* A $85.00 fee for vendors with mobile food prep with cooking and/or utilizing portable power or fuel.
* A $35.00 fee for all re-inspections will be charged additional.

Section 6. Commercial Burn Permit Fee

* Commercial Burn Permit fee (Valid 90 days) will increase from $165.00 to $275.00

Section 7. Bonfire Permit Fee

* Bonfire Permit fee will increase from $85.00 to $100.00

Section 8. Fire Safety Training Fee

* Fire Safety Training fee will increase from $30.00 and $85.00 to $35.00 and $90.00 for each person attending a training session.

Section 9. Firefighter and Fire Equipment Fees (Standby)

* **(B)** **Special Duty Work.** A special duty assignment is hereby established that enables members to provide certain off-duty services to the public within the City of Savannah. A minimum of four (4) members will be assigned or required for an assignment. Generally, a ratio of three (3) team members to one (1) supervisor will be maintained as members are added to the event, but staffing will be considered on a case-by-case basis. An incident or event supervisor will be required when an event requires more than eight (8) members. Rates are detailed below.

**Fees Do Not Include Equipment or Apparatus Cost**

* The Firefighter, EMR or Fire Watch employee rate will be $46 per hour including all fees.
* The Firefighter, EMR or Fire Watch employee holiday rate will be $50 per hour including all fees.
* The Company Officer or Fire Inspector employee rate will be $51.75 per hour including all fees.
* The Company Officer or Fire Inspector employee holiday rate will be $55 per hour including all fees.
* The Incident or Event Supervisor employee rate will be $57.50 per hour including all fees.
* The Incident or Event Supervisor employee holiday rate will be $60 per hour including all fees.

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| **Payment Information** | **Assigned Position Based on Activity or Need** |
| Pay Per Hour | Firefighter, EMR, or Fire watch | Company Officer or Fire Inspector | Incident or Event Supervisor |
| Employee Rate | $ 40.00 | $ 45.00 | $ 50.00 |
| Worker’s Comp Fee (5%) | $ 2.00 | $ 2.25 | $ 2.50 |
| Admin Fee (10%) | $ 4.00 | $ 4.50 | $ 5.00 |
| Total per hour | $ 46.00 | $ 51.75 | $ 57.50 |
| **Holiday Request\*** |
| **Employee Rate** | **$50** | **$55** | **$60** |

Section 10. Fire Marshal Fees

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

1. New underground tank installation, per tank inspection will increase from $75 to $85.
2. Leak detection system installation, per tank inspection will increase from $75 to $85.
3. New integral piping system installation, per inspection will increase from $75 to $85.
4. Inspection of the removal or filling and capping of an underground storage tank will increase from $155 to $170.
5. Inspection of repair or retrofitting of an underground tank or Integral piping system, per tank or piping system inspection will decrease from $75 to $65.
6. Inspection of the removal operation of the pollutant, per inspection will decrease from $75 to $65.

**(G) Fireworks Permit Fee.** A fee of $400.00 each for Pyrotechnics and/or Flame Effects before a proximate audience permit (NFPA 1126 & NFPA160), shall be paid to Savannah Fire. The fee includes a permit, permit review, and inspection set-up. A fee of $260.00 for after-hour fire watch and standby. Applications must be submitted on time, or an after-hour plan review fee will be charged additionally.

Section 11. Private Fire Hydrant Non-Compliant Testing and Inspection Report Fees

* First offense fee will decrease from $550.00 to $525.00
* Second offense fee will decrease from $1050.00 to $1025.00
* Third offense fee and thereafter will increase from $1550.00 to $1625.00

**Article P – Inspection Fees**

Section 8. Extra Inspection Fees

* When extra inspection trips are necessary to enforce the Building, Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, Fire, Sign, Nuisance Abatement, or other Codes within the responsibility of the Development Services Department, due to any of the following reasons, a charge of $100.00 shall be made for the re-inspection required, as a result of the same violation.

Section 20. Incentives

* To support the creation of additional affordable housing, the City Manager is authorized to offer incentives in the form of discounts to fees within Section 1. (A) All Inclusive Building Permit Fee and (B) Plan Review Fee of the Revenue Ordinance.

**Article Q – Development and Review Fees**

Section 3. Private Development Fees

**(m) Site Re-inspection.**

* $100 per Site Re-inspection

**(n) Site Final Re-inspection.**

* $500 per Site Final Re-inspection

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**Article R – Leisure and Recreation Fees**

Section 1. Recreation Services

1. **Athletic Fees.**
* Any team participating in any of the City's Youth Sports League competitions will be assessed a fee for that use. The fee will assist in offsetting costs associated with participation in the league. All teams composed of 75% of participants residing within the city will be charged $100 per team. Any team not meeting the 75% threshold will be charged a $125 Non-City Resident fee for participation.
* Any individual registering to participate in the City's Youth Sports Leagues will be assessed a fee of $30.00 - $50.00 per person per session for City Residents, and $50.00 to $70.00 per person per session for Non-City Residents. The range of pricing will be determined by the type of sport and its associated operating cost.
* Any individual registering to participate in the City's Adult Sports Leagues will be assessed a fee of $30.00 - $50.00 per person per session for City Residents, and $50.00 to $70.00 per person per session for Non-City Residents. The range of pricing will be determined by the type of sport and its associated operating cost.
* Any team registering to participate in any of the City's Adult Sports League competitions will be assessed a fee of $360.00 - $600.00 per person per session for City Residents, and $600.00 to $840.00 per person per session for Non-City Residents. The range of pricing will be determined by the type of sport and its associated operating cost. Teams registering as City Residents must consist of 75% of participants residing within the city limits.
1. **Recreation Fees.**

**c. Sports and Summer Camps.**

* The fee for Summer Camps located in the Centers for City Residents will increase from $40 per person per session to $50 per person per session.
* The fee for Summer Camps located in the Centers for Non-City Residents will increase from $60 per person per session to $70 per person per session.
* Any participant in the spring or holiday camp located in the Centers will be assessed a fee of $50 per person per session attended for City Residents.
* Any participant in the spring or holiday camp located in the Centers will be assessed a fee of $70 per person per session attended for Non-City Residents**.**
* The Youth Flag Football Summer Camp fee will be $25 per person per session attended for City Residents.
* The Youth Flag Football Summer Camp fee will be $30 per person per session attended for Non-City Residents.
* The Summer/Spring Camp fee for 40 youth applicants at the Moses Jackson Advancement Center (MJAC) will be assessed at up to $40 per week for 6 weeks.
* The Summer/Spring Camp fee for 60 youth applicants at the Pennsylvania Avenue Resource Center (PARC) will be assessed at up to $40 per week for 6 weeks.
* **Enrichment Camps. The Spring and Summer Enrichment Camp for up to 40 youth participants at the Moses Jackson Advancement Center will be assessed at up to $40.00 per four-week session. The Summer and Spring Enrichment Camp for up 60 youth participants at the Pennsylvania Avenue Resource Center will be assessed at up to $40.00 per four-week session.  The summer intensive camp fee for up to 50 youth participants will be assessed at up to $40.00 per four-week session.**

**e. Tennis**

* The annual fee for the Adult Team Tennis Leagues for City Residents will increase from $197 to $200.
* The annual fee for the Adult Team Tennis Leagues for Non-City Residents will increase from $210 to $215.
* The Tennis Pro fee will increase from $15 per hour to $20 per hour for use of the courts.
* The fee for City Residents participating in the Adult Team Tennis League will increase from $54 per league to $60 per league.
* The fee for Non-City Residents participating in the Adult Team Tennis League will increase from $59 per league to $65 per league.

**f. Therapeutic Summer Camp.**

* The fee for City residents will increase from $20 per week to $30 per week.
* The fee for Non-City Residents will increase from $40 per week to $50 per week.

**g. Instructional Swimming.**

* The fee for City Residents will increase from $25 for eight lessons to $35 for eight lessons.
* The fee for Non-City Residents will increase from $30 for eight lessons to $40 for eight lessons.
* The seasonal pass fee for lap swim or the instructional water aerobics program will be $60 for City Residents.
* The seasonal pass fee for lap swim or the instructional water aerobics program will be $70 for Non-City Residents.
* The weekly pass fee for lap swim or the instructional water aerobics program will be $10.

Section 2. Cultural Affairs Fees

1. **Rental.**
* The corporate rate for Ben Tucker Theater rental will increase from $175/hr (F-Su) to $190/hour (F-Su).
* The non-profit rate for Ben Tucker Theater rental will increase from $100/hr (F-Su) to $115/hour (F-Su).
* The non-profit rate for Ben Tucker Theater rental will increase from $75/hr (M-Th) to $90/hour (M-Th).
* The non-profit rate for Studio Theater rental will increase from $85/hr (F-Su) to $100/hour (F-Su).
* The per-hour charge for Audio/Visual support for event rentals has decreased from $15 to $0.
* The cleaning fee to cover the custodial cleaning of the Theater and backstage for major events will be $100.

Section 3. Facility Fees

1. **Athletic Fields, Complexes, and Swimming Pools**

**5. Tennis Complexes.**

* The Bacon Park Tennis Complex rental fee will be $250/day (4 courts) for City Residents/ Non-Profits. $125 if the rental is complete before 3 pm.
* The Bacon Park Tennis Complex rental fee will be $300/day (4 courts) for Non-City Residents/Commercial. $150 if the rental is complete before 3 pm.
* A fee of $25 will be assessed per rental that extends beyond 6 pm.
* The Daffin Park Tennis Complex rental fee will be $250/day (3 clay courts) for City Residents/Non-Profits. $125 if the rental is complete before 3 pm.
* The Daffin Park Tennis Complex rental fee will be $300/day (3 clay courts) for Non-City Residents/Commercial. $150 if the rental is complete before 3 pm.
* A fee of $25 will be assessed per rental that extends beyond 6 pm.

**Article U – Utility Service Fees**

Section 3. Sewer Service Fees

1. **Grease Trap Inspection Fees**
* The Grease Trap Inspection Fee will increase from $50 to $70.

**Article W – Special Events, Film, & Tourism Fees**

Section 4. Tourism

1. **Trolley Fines-Failure to Install Sound Reduction Devices.**

Any Trolley Company found in violation of ordinance Division II, Part 6,

Licensing and Registration, Chapter 1, Business and Occupations, Article R, Tour Services for Hire, Division 2, Tour Service Vehicles, Section 6-1514, to require Sound Control Devices, and Section 6-1517, to prohibit emanation of excessive noise.

* The fine for the first offense will be $500.
* The fine for the second offense will be $750.
* The fine for the third offense will be $1000.

**Article X – Miscellaneous Fees**

Section 2. Advertising Fees

* The advertising fee will increase from $10.50 to $16.75 per week

**Article Y – Business Tax**

Section 30. Alcohol Beverage Licenses

1. **License & Permit Fees.**
* Licensed Alcohol Caterer Fee (Distilled Spirits) regardless of type(s) of alcoholic beverage will increase from $200 to $300.
* Licensed Alcohol Caterer Fee (Malt Beverage) regardless of type(s) of alcoholic beverage will increase from $100 to $200.
* Licensed Alcohol Caterer Fee (Wine) regardless of type(s) of alcoholic beverage will increase from $50 to $100.
* Class C Distilled Spirits Retail Consumption Dealer (On-Premises) will increase from $3,500 to $3,800.
* Class C Malt Beverage Retail Consumption Dealer (On-Premises) will increase from $1,500 to $2,500.
* Class C Wine Retail Consumption Dealer (On-Premises) will increase from $600 to $1,000.
* Class E Malt Beverage Retail Consumption Dealer (Off-Premises) will increase from $1500 to $2,500.
* Class E Wine Retail Consumption Dealer (On-Premises) will increase from $600 to $1,000.
* Class G Malt Beverage Complimentary Service License will increase from $300 to $400.
* Class G Wine Complimentary Service License will increase from $200 to $300.

**Additional Fee Amounts.**

* Sunday Sales Fee (Retail Dealer with on-premises consumption having more than 50% food sales) regardless of type(s) of alcoholic beverage will increase from $200 to $400
* Temporary Event Fee will increase from $50/per day per permitted event to $200/day per permitted event.
* Alcohol Beverage Advertising Fees will increase from $20 to $50.
* Alcohol Beverage Sign Posting Fees will increase from $10 to $30.
* Alcohol Review Committee Fee will be $50.
1. **Alcohol Beverage License Application Fees**
* Liquor (Per each license class) Fee will increase from $300 to $500.
* Malt Beverage (Per each license class) Fee will increase from $150 to $300.
* Wine (Per each license class) Fee will increase from $150 to $300.
* The Fee for Wine (Per each license class) for a Temporary Event will increase from $50/day per permitted event to $200/day per permitted event.

Section 34. Regulatory Fees

* Amusement Devices, Coin-operated, when use is restricted to adults fee will increase from $50 per machine to $100 per machine.