



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Joseph A. Melder, City Manager

**RE:** FY26 Revenue Ordinance Proposed Fee Changes and Modifications

**DATE:** November 14, 2025

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For fiscal year 2026, various fee changes and revisions to the Revenue Ordinance were recommended by City staff. All 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, 2026.

### **Article J – Parking Fees**

#### Section 1. Parking Meter Fees

##### **(A) Zone 1**

- The meter fee for zone 1 will increase from \$2.00 to \$2.50 for each hour on River Street parking lots

##### **(B) Zone 2B**

- The meter fee for zone 2 will increase from \$1.00 to \$1.50 for each hour in the Civic Center parking lots

#### Section 2. Fees For Parking Violations

##### **(A) Parking Citations**

- The Street Sweeping Citation (V) fine will increase from \$40.00 to \$50.00
- The fee for Zone 1: Parking overtime on the meter (1) will increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00
- The fee for Parking overtime in a limited time zone (3) will increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00
- The fee for parking in Reserved spaces (5f-26) will increase from \$20.00 to \$50.00
- The fee for "Illegally Parking in a Lane/Alley" (5g-26) will increase from \$20.00 to \$50.00
- The fee for "Illegally parking in spaces designated Compact" (5h-26) will increase from \$20.00 to \$50.00
- The "Parked in Yard" violation (5i-26) will increase from \$30.00 to \$50.00
- The fee for "Other Improper Parking" (5j-26) will increase from \$30.00 to \$50.00
- The fee for a Class A Violation "Backing into an Angled Space" (6a-26) will increase from \$20.00 to \$30.00

- The fee for a Class A Violation “Taking Two Spaces” (6b-26) will increase from \$20.00 to \$30.00
- The fee for a Class A Violation “Parking In Median” (6c-26) will increase from \$20.00 to \$30.00
- The fee for a Class A Violation “Parking In Passenger Loading Zone” (6d-26) will increase from \$20.00 to \$30.00
- The fee for a Class A Violation “Parking In Freight Zone” (6e-26) will increase from \$20.00 to \$30.00
- The fee for a Class A Violation “Parking in an Oversized Vehicle Space” (6f-26) will increase from \$20.00 to \$30.00
- The fee for a Class A Violation “Parking in Recreational Vehicle Space” (6g-26) will increase from \$20.00 to \$30.00
- The fee for a Class A Violation “Failure to Pay” (6h-26) will increase from \$20.00 to \$30.00
- The fee for a Class B Violation “No Parking” (7a-26) will increase from \$30.00 to \$50.00
- The fee for a Class B Violation “Sidewalk” (7b-26) will increase from \$30.00 to \$50.00
- The fee for a Class B Violation “Block Free Passage” (7c-26) will increase from \$30.00 to \$50.00
- The fee for a Class B Violation “Crosswalk” (7d-26) will increase from \$30.00 to \$50.00
- The fee for a Class B Violation “Double Parking” (7e-26) will increase from \$30.00 to \$50.00
- The fee for a Class B Violation “Wrong Direction” (7f-26) will increase from \$30.00 to \$50.00
- The fee for a Class B Violation “Yellow Line” (7g-26) will increase from \$30.00 to \$50.00
- The fee for a Class B Violation “Other Parking Violation” (7h-26) will increase from \$30.00 to \$50.00
- The fee for a Class C Violation “Parking by Fire Hydrant” (8a-26) will increase from \$50.00 to \$75.00
- The fee for a Class C Violation “Parking in Fire Lane” (8b-26) will increase from \$50.00 to \$75.00
- The fee for a Class C Violation “Truck Parking Where Prohibited” (8c-26) will increase from \$50.00 to \$75.00
- The fee for “Restricted area(s) during a festival or filming” (11h-26) will increase from \$250.00 to \$1,500.00

**(B) Late Payment Penalty**

- The fee for the 1<sup>st</sup> late fee after 5 calendar days will increase from \$12.00 to \$17.00
- The fee for the 2<sup>nd</sup> late fee after 30 calendar days will increase from \$17.00 to \$22.00

**Section 3. City Parking Facility Fees**

**(A) State Street Parking Garage**

- The convenience fee (credit cards) passed on to the customer will be \$2.00

- 1. EV Charging Station – Electricity
    - Electric Distribution Tax @ 2.5 cents per kWh
- (B) Robert E. Robinson Parking Garage
  - The convenience fee (credit cards) passed on to the customer will be \$2.00
    - 1. EV Charging Station – Electricity
      - Electric Distribution Tax @ 2.5 cents per kWh
- (C) Bryan Street Parking Garage
  - The convenience fee (credit cards) passed on to the customer will be \$2.00
    - 1. EV Charging Station – Electricity
      - Electric Distribution Tax @ 2.5 cents per kWh
- (E) Liberty Street Parking Garage
  - The convenience fee (credit cards) passed on to the customer will be \$2.00
    - 1. EV Charging Station – Electricity
      - Electric Distribution Tax @ 2.5 cents per kWh
- (H) Whitaker Street Parking Garage
  - The convenience fee (credit cards) passed on to the customer will be \$2.00
    - 1. EV Charging Station – Electricity
      - Electric Distribution Tax @ 2.5 cents per kWh
- (J) Eastern Wharf Parking Garage
  - The convenience fee (credit cards) passed on to the customer will be \$2.00
    - 1. EV Charging Station – Electricity
      - Electric Distribution Tax @ 2.5 cents per kWh

## **Article L – Fire Service Fees**

### Section 2. Vehicle Fire Service Fee

- The clean-up and materials charge will increase from the range \$100.00-\$300.00 to \$150.00-\$300.00

### Section 4. Fire Incident Report Fee

- (A) The fire incident report fee will increase from \$10.00 to range between \$10.00 to \$25.00

### Section 7. Bonfire Permit Fee

- (B) The Bonfire permitting fee will increase from \$100.00 to \$150.00

### Section 8. Fire Safety Training Fee

- (C) Where emergency services training and/or certification is required by state law or for other licensing, certification, or accreditation, the fee range will increase from between \$35.00 and \$90.00 to between \$38.00 and \$95.00 for each person attending a training session. This fee includes the cost of materials, supplies, and staff.

### Section 9. Firefighter and Fire Equipment Fees (Standby)

- (A) Equipment and User rates should be charged at Savannah Fire Department usage rates as below:

## **Fire Department personnel and classes**

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| • User Fee Rates for Advanced Firefighters | \$30 to increase to \$32 per person per hour |
| • User Fee Rates for Fire Engineers        | \$40 to increase to \$45 per person per hour |
| • User Fee Rates for Captains              | \$47 to increase to \$53 per person per hour |
| • User Fee Rates for Battalions            | \$55 to increase to \$64 per person per hour |

## Fire Department Equipment

- Truck, Fire, Engine \$165 to increase to \$185 per hour
- Truck, Fire Aerial Platform \$97 to increase to \$102 per hour
- Brush Truck \$40 to increase to \$ 50 per hour

### (A) 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

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 <b>\$45.00</b>	\$ 45.00 <b>\$50.00</b>	\$ 50.00 <b>\$55.00</b>
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 <b>\$51.00</b>	\$ 51.75 <b>\$56.75</b>	\$ 57.50 <b>\$62.50</b>
<b>Holiday Request*</b>			
<b>Employee Rate</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$60</b>

### Section 10. Fire Marshal Fees

#### (A) Fire Protection Systems Inspection Fees.

- The fee for providing inspections of fire protection systems will increase from \$12.00 per \$1,000.00 of materials and with labor with a \$55.00 minimum to \$18.00 per \$1,000.00 of materials and labor with a \$85.00 minimum.

#### (B) Plan Review Fee.

- The plan review fee will increase from \$85.00 to \$97.00

#### (D) After-hours Inspections Fee.

- The after-hours inspection fee charge will increase from \$260.00 (4hours) every additional hour is \$68.00 to \$272.00 (4 hours) every additional hour is \$68.00
- Work not ready for inspection upon arrival fee will decrease from \$25.003 to \$25.00.

- (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 \$85.00 to \$87.00
  - 2) Leak detection system installation, per tank inspection will increase from \$85.00 to \$87.00
  - 3) New integral piping system installation, per inspection will increase from \$85.00 to \$87.00
  - 4) Annual underground tank inspection and inventory check per tank facility will increase from \$85.00 to \$87.00
  - 5) Inspection of the removal or filling and capping of an underground storage tank will decrease from \$170.00 to \$204.00
  - 6) Inspection of repair or retrofitting of an underground tank or Integral piping system, per tank or piping system inspection will increase from \$65.00 to \$68.00
  - 7) Inspection of the removal operation of the pollutant, per inspection will increase from \$65.00 to \$68.00
- (G) Fireworks Permit Fee.
- The fee for after-hour watch and standby will increase from \$260.00 to \$272.00

## **Article N – Cemetery Fees**

### **Section 1. Internment and Inurnment Fees**

- The Adult Prime internment fee will increase from \$1,000.00 to \$1,200.00
- The Adult Standard internment fee will increase from \$1,200.00 to \$1,450.00
- The Adult Sunday/Holiday internment fee will increase from \$1,500.00 to \$1,800.00
- The Amputated Limb Prime internment fee will increase from \$550.00 to \$625.00
- The Amputated Limb Standard internment fee will increase from \$650.00 to \$750.00
- The Amputated Limb Sunday/Holiday internment fee will increase from \$800.00 to \$950.00
- The Ashes/Cremains Prime internment fee will increase from \$550.00 to \$625.00
- The Ashes/Cremains Standard internment fee will increase from \$650.00 to \$750.00
- The Ashes/Cremains Sunday/Holiday internment fee will increase from \$800.00 to \$950.00
- The Child Prime internment fee will increase from \$550.00 to \$650.00
- The Child Standard internment fee will increase from \$700.00 to \$800.00
- The Child Sunday/Holiday internment fee will increase from \$900.00 to \$1000.00
- The Infant Prime internment fee will increase from \$500.00 to \$625.00
- The Infant Standard internment fee will increase from \$650.00 to \$750.00
- The Infant Sunday/Holiday internment fee will increase from \$850.00 to \$950.00
- The Ashes/Cremains Prime inurnment fee will increase from \$450.00 to \$525.00
- The Ashes/Cremains Standard inurnment fee will increase from \$650.00 to \$750.00

- The Ashes/Cremains Sunday/Holiday inurnment fee will increase from \$800.00 to \$950.00

## Section 2. Sale of Internment Rights

- The Columbarium (Prime) price per lot/niche will increase from \$2,320.00 to \$2,920.00
- The Columbarium (Standard) price per lot/niche will increase from \$2,020.00 to \$2,520.00
- The lot (12 spaces) price per lot/niche will increase from \$15,620.00 to \$17,180.00
- The lot (2 spaces Intermediate) price per lot/niche will increase from \$3,020.00 to \$3,320.00
- The lot (2 spaces Prime) price per lot/niche will increase from \$3,220.00 to \$3,540.00
- The lot (2 spaces Standard) price per lot/niche will increase from \$2,820.00 to \$3,100.00
- The lot (4 spaces) price per lot/niche will increase from \$5,820.00 to \$6,400.00
- The lot (6 spaces) price per lot/niche will increase from \$8,420.00 to \$9,260.00
- The lot (7 spaces) price per lot/niche will increase from \$9,120.00 to \$10,030.00
- The lot (cremation space) price per lot/niche will increase from \$620.00 to \$680.00
- The lot (single space) price per lot/niche will increase from \$1,500.00 to \$1,650.00

## Section 3. Fees for Cemetery Services

- The perpetual care fee will increase from \$24.00 per sq. ft. to \$27.00 per sq. ft.
- The annual care fee will increase from \$400.00 per lot per year to \$500.00 per lot per year
- The after-hour fee (filming/photography) will increase from \$300.00 per hour to \$350.00 per hour
- The after-hour fee (tours/special events/funerals) (additional hour) will increase from \$75.00 per hour to \$85.00 per hour
- The after-hour fee (tours/special events/funerals) (first hour) will increase from \$200.00 per hour to \$225.00 per hour
- The filming/photography fee (up to 30 participants) will increase from \$200.00 per hour to \$225.00 per hour
- The monthly Bus or Trolley (25' to 35' long) tour pass for all cemeteries will increase from \$650.00 per month to \$700.00 per month
- The monthly Small Vehicle (up to 15 passengers) tour pass for all cemeteries will increase from \$420.00 per month to \$450.00 per month
- The monthly Walking or Bicycle (up to 15 guests) tour pass for all cemeteries will increase from \$420.00 per month to \$450.00 per month
- The monthly Bus or Trolley (25' to 35' long) tour pass for any 1 cemetery will increase from \$400.00 per month to \$425.00 per month
- The monthly Small Vehicle (up to 15 passengers) tour pass for any 1 cemetery will increase from \$300.00 per month to \$325.00 per month
- The monthly Walking or Bicycle (up to 15 guests) tour pass for any 1 cemetery will increase from \$300.00 per month to \$325.00 per month

- The Special Event fee (up to 30 participants) will increase from \$75.00 per hour to \$85.00
- The Tent/Chair rental fee will increase from \$375.00 to \$400.00
- The Tour fee (up to 30 participants will increase from \$50.00 per hour to \$55.00 per hour
- The Columbarium Memorialization (per 3 lines) fee will increase from \$300.00 to \$330.00
- The Work Permit -Columbarium (per additional niche) fee will increase from \$30.00 to \$50.00
- The Work Permit - Columbarium (per structure) fee will increase from \$100.00 to \$200.00
- The Work Permit - Landscaping (per lot, installation, or removal) fee will increase from \$35.00 to \$50.00
- The Work Permit – Large (per monument, slab, coping, fence, bench, statue, or oversized marker) fee will increase from \$90.00 to \$110.00
- The Work Permit – Mausoleum (per each additional crypt) fee will increase from \$100.00 to \$200.00
- The Work Permit – Mausoleum (per structure) fee will increase from \$100.00 to \$200.00
- The Work Permit – Medium (per foot, vase, bird bath, or cradle) fee will increase from \$40.00 to \$50.00
- The Work Permit – Small (per corner marker or flag pole) fee will increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00

## **Article P – Inspection Fees**

### Section 9. After-Hours Inspection Fee

- The after-hours inspection fee will increase from \$50.00 per hour with a three-hour minimum to \$60.00 per hour with a three-hour minimum

### Section 18. Permit Fees For Work Within Public Right Of Way

#### **(A) Work To Be Performed in the Right of Way**

- The Application/Renewal fee will increase from \$45.00 to \$60.00

#### **(C) Dumpster/trailer Permit Application Fees**

##### **2. Application Fee.**

- The permit application fee will increase from \$20.00 to \$40.00

##### **3. Rate.**

- The rate for each dumpster/trailer permit fee will increase from \$4.00 per equivalent parking space per day, to \$10.00 per equivalent parking space per day

## **Article Q – Development and Review Fees**

### Section 2. Zoning Application Fees

#### **b) Planned Developments**

- New Planned Developments fee will be \$1,100.00 + \$155.00 per acre
- Final Master Plan Amendment

- Minor fee will be \$500.00
- Major fee will be \$1,000.00
- iii. General Master Plan Amendment/Variance
  - Minor fee will be \$1,000.00
  - Major fee will be \$1,500.00
- f) Special Exceptions (Churches, family care homes, family daycare and institutional uses) fee is being eliminated, decreasing from \$500.00 to \$0
- f) Development Plan Variance (Planning Commission) fee will be \$1,000.00
- g) Parking in lieu payments for the Victorian and Landmark Historic Districts
  - i. per space, 1-4 spaces will increase from \$3,500.00 to \$5,000.00
  - ii. per space, 5-10 spaces will increase from \$7,500.00 to \$10,714.00
  - iii. per space, 11-20 spaces will increase from \$12,000.00 to \$17,143.00
  - iv. per space, 21-29 spaces will increase from \$25,000.00 to \$35,714.00
  - v. per space, 30 or more spaces will increase from \$35,000.00 to \$50,000.00

### Section 3. Private Development Fees

- The Master Plan Review Fee will be eliminated, decreasing from \$300.00 to \$0
- The after-hours inspection fee will increase from \$50.00 per hour with a three-hour minimum to \$60.00 per hour with a three-hour minimum

### Section 4: Historic Review Filing Fees

- The Appeal Staff Decision Fee will be eliminated, decreasing from \$250.00 to \$0

## **Article T – Tour Service Fees**

### Section 2. Permits and Fees

#### **(A) Motor Coach Tour Permits**

- The Motor Coach Tour Permit will increase from \$25.00 per car to \$30.00 per vehicle

#### **(B) Motor Coach Transportation Permits**

- The Motor Coach Transportation permit required for each motor coach that enters the Historic District for the sole purpose of transporting passengers to and from hotels and restaurants will increase from \$20.00 per vehicle to \$25.00 per vehicle

#### **(C) Multi-day Combination Permits**

- The fee for each tour/transportation permit will increase from \$40.00 to \$45.00 for a multi-day combination permit per vehicle

#### **(E) Other Fees and Permits**

**(2a)** The leased parking space for vehicles with up through 15 passenger seats will increase from \$150.00 to \$200.00

**(2b)** The leased parking space for vehicles with 16-30 passenger seats will increase from \$300.00 to \$350.00

**(2c)** The leased parking space for vehicles with over 30 passenger seats will increase from \$400.00 to \$450.00

## **Article U – Utility Services Fees**

### Section 2. Water Service Fees

#### **(A) Water Charges – Inside City (Bi-monthly)**

- Consumption charges (First 15CCFs bi-monthly) will increase from \$1.43 to \$1.46

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- Consumption charges (Over 15CCFs bi-monthly) will increase from \$1.61 to \$1.64
- (B) Water Charges – Outside City (Bi-monthly)**
- Consumption charges (Over 15CCFs bi-monthly) will increase from \$2.14 to \$2.19
  - Consumption charges (Over 15CCFs bi-monthly) will increase from \$2.41 to \$2.46
- (D) Wholesale Municipal Water Rate**
- The wholesale rate for sales to municipalities will increase from \$2.60 per one thousand gallons, which is equivalent to \$1.94 per 100 cubic feet to \$2.64 per one thousand gallons, which is equivalent to \$1.97 per 100 cubic feet

### Section 3. Sewer Service Fees

**(A) Sewer Service Charges – Inside City (Bi-monthly)**

User Category	Base (Availability) Charge	0-1,500 Cu. Ft. of Water Used	Over 1, 500 Cu. Ft. of Water Used
A	\$8.80	\$4.78 \$5.18	\$5.16 \$5.56
B	\$8.80	\$4.90 \$5.30	\$5.31 \$5.71
C	\$8.80	\$4.90 \$5.30	\$5.31 \$5.71
E	\$8.80	\$4.78 \$5.18	\$5.16 \$5.56
F	\$8.80	\$4.78 \$5.18	\$5.16 \$5.56

**(B) Sewer Service Charges – Outside City (Bi-monthly)**

User Category	Base (Availability) Charge	0-1,500 Cu. Ft. of Water Used	Over 1,500 Cu. Ft. of Water Used
A	\$13.20	\$7.17 \$7.77	\$7.74 \$8.34
B	\$13.20	\$7.35 \$7.95	\$7.96 \$8.56
C	\$13.20	\$7.35 \$7.95	\$7.96 \$8.56
D*	\$8.80	\$5.28 \$5.68	\$5.28 \$5.68
E	\$13.20	\$7.17 \$7.77	\$7.74 \$8.34
F	\$13.20	\$7.17 \$7.77	\$7.74 \$8.34

- Effective April 1, 2026, the Class D rate for Isle of Hope, Chatham County Industrial Park, Runaway Point, Thunderbolt, and Pooler will increase from \$5.28 per 100 CCF (which is equivalent to \$7.35 per 1000 gallons) with a base charge of \$8.80 to \$5.68 per 100 CCF (which is equivalent to \$7.60 per 1000 gallons) with a base charge of \$8.80

**(F) Septic Tank Disposal Fee**

**(1) The Septic Tank Haulers**

- The fee for septic tank disposal at the President Street Treatment Plant will increase from \$75.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$85.00 per 1,000 gallons

**(2) Industrial Wastewater Haulers**

- The fees for permitted industrial wastewater hauled to and disposed at the President Street Treatment Plant will increase from \$75.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$85.00 per 1,000 gallons

### Section 4. Water Meter Sale, Installation, and Tap-In Fees

**(B) Sale of Larger Water Meters**

- The 2" AMI meter will increase from \$1,400 to \$1,500.00
- The 3" AMI meter will increase from \$1,650.00 to \$2,350.00

- The 4" AMI meter will increase from \$2,550.00 to \$2,800.00
- The 6" AMI meter will increase from \$3,550.00 to \$4,250.00
- The 8" AMI meter will decrease from \$5,600.00 to \$5,000.00

#### Section 8. Refuse Collection and Disposal Fees

##### (1) Residential

##### (a) Solid Waste Fee

- The solid waste fee will increase from \$40.77 per month per dwelling unit to \$42.81 per month per dwelling unit

##### (2) Commercial

##### (a) Commercial Waste Collection Fee

- The rate for Commercial Waste Collection will increase from \$4.75 to \$4.99 (2 cubic yards to 15 cubic yards)
- The rate for Commercial Waste Collection will increase from \$4.19 to \$4.40 (16 cubic yards to 47 cubic yards)
- The rate for Commercial Waste Collection will increase from \$3.72 to \$3.90 (48 cubic yards to 95 cubic yards)
- The rate for Commercial Waste Collection will increase from \$2.92 to \$3.07 (96 cubic yards and above)

##### (b) Collection Fee for Compactor Service

- I. The collection fee for the Downtown Collection Zone will increase from \$7.00 to \$7.35 per cubic yard of un-compacted container capacity
- II. The collection fee for the River Street Collection Zone will increase from \$7.49 to \$7.86 per cubic yard of un-compacted container capacity

##### (c) Commercial Waste Disposal Fee

- The commercial waste disposal fee will increase from \$5.42 per un-compacted cubic yard to \$5.69 per un-compacted cubic yard

#### Section 9. Utility Deposits and Account Establishment Fees

##### (12) Fire Hydrant Meter

- The Fire Hydrant Meter fee will increase from \$1,500.00 to \$2,250.00

#### Section 10. Utility Delinquency and Enforcement Fees

##### (C) Enforcement Fees

- The fee for tampering with the Meter Inpoint or Meter Box will be \$800.00
- The fee for a Non-Returned Fire Hydrant will be \$200

### **Article W – Special Event, Film, & Tourism Fees**

#### Section 5. Right-Of-Way Permits

##### (A) Sidewalk Café Fees.

- The maximum charge of \$1,000.00 annually will increase to a maximum charge of \$1,500.00 annually for sidewalk café permitting

### **Article X – Miscellaneous Fees**

#### Section 8. Archives and History Special Program Fees

- The fee for groups visiting City Hall (learning about City Hall, City Government) will be \$80. Schools are exempt from this fee.