

ORDINANCE
NO. _____

An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code Section 8-14.1. to provide permitting and inspection fees for solar panel work; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Section 8-14.1 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by inserting a new paragraph (f) *Solar Panels* which shall read as follows and redesignating the current paragraph (f) *Building Permit Violations* as paragraph (g):

“f. *Solar Panels*. For all solar panel work requiring a permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:

1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition of solar panel systems on one- or two-family dwellings, the fee shall be \$250.00. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition of solar panel systems on all other structures, the permit fee shall be \$0.25/square feet of solar panel area with a minimum fee of \$250.00 and there shall also be a plan review fee of one-fourth of the permit fee with a minimum review fee of \$75.00.
2. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a re-inspection shall be as follows:
 - i. For first occurrence there will be no charge.
 - ii. For subsequent occurrences the fee shall be \$75.00.
3. Where inspections are required after hours for approved shut downs, or other emergency needs, the fee shall be \$75.00, for the first hour, plus \$50.00 for each additional hour thereafter.”

SECTION 2.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 16th day of September 2025; and introduced on second reading at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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| Councilor Allen | voting _____. |
| Councilor Anker | voting _____. |
| Councilor Chambers | voting _____. |
| Councilor Cogle | voting _____. |
| Councilor Crabb | voting _____. |
| Councilor Davis | voting _____. |
| Councilor Garrett | voting _____. |
| Councilor Hickey | voting _____. |
| Councilor Huff | voting _____. |
| Councilor Tucker | voting _____. |

Lindsey G. McLemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III
Mayor