

Staff Report

Subject: Schedule of Fees update, multiple departments
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Meeting Date: 8/6/24
Item Description: Consideration to approve a resolution to amend the Schedule of Fees

Summary Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution to amend the Schedule of Fees.

Executive Summary/Background:

Periodically, staff will review the Schedule of Fees and propose changes. These changes can be driven by the addition or removal of a county service, by inflation, or other factors.

This proposed amendment touches several areas of the Schedule of Fees, some of which haven't been updated in a number of years. Changes are proposed to the following headers in the Schedule:

1. Licensing and taxing of alcohol beverages
 - a. Changes to exterior signs and license advertisement fees
2. Building application fees
 - a. New flat rate mobile home application fee
 - b. Permits now based on square footage
3. County Clerk
 - a. Countywide fee for physical document copies
4. Fire fees
 - a. Set in the resolution presented earlier
5. Probation
 - a. This category removed from fees schedule
6. Recreation leagues
 - a. Reorganized fees
7. Recreation facility rentals
 - a. New section on fee schedule and updated rates
8. Water & sewer
 - a. Water rate increase of 3.3%, matching Savannah's annual increase in our cost of buying water
9. Sanitation
 - a. Set in resolution presented earlier
 - b. Updated Convenience Center trash and tire rates to reflect current
10. Zoning
 - a. Added fees for 4th (and subsequent) plan re-reviews

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the proposed resolution to amend the Schedule of Fees.
2. Do not approve the proposed resolution.
3. Provide Staff with direction.

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends alternative number 1 – approve the proposed amendment to the Schedule of Fees.

Other Alternatives:

none

Department Review: *(list departments)*

Finance, County Manager, Development Services, Recreation, Fire & Rescue

Funding Source:

n/a

Attachments:

Resolution to amend the Schedule of Fees