

# Staff Report

**Subject:** Fire fees for 2025  
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**Department:** Finance  
**Meeting Date:** 7/1/25  
**Item Description:** Consideration to approve a resolution to adopt the 2025 fire fees

## Summary Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution to adopt the 2025 fire fees.

## Executive Summary/Background:

Each year, the Board of Commissioners approves a resolution to set the fire fees. This fee structure is based upon the current and anticipated costs to provide fire services for the unincorporated residents of the County, as well as residents in Springfield and Guyton.

### 1. Fire fees for the prior year were set at:

Residential (per dwelling unit)	\$ 150.00 per year plus \$0.03 per sq. ft.
Multi-Family (per dwelling unit)	\$ 150.00 per year plus \$0.03 per sq. ft.
Commercial (per structure)	\$ 400.00 per year plus \$0.07 per sq. ft.
Industrial (per structure)	\$ 550.00 per year plus \$0.07 per sq. ft.
Solar Farm	\$ 50.00 per acre
Vacant Parcel (with no primary structure)	\$ 0.12 per Acre

### 2. Staff recommends the following fire fee for 2025:

Residential (per dwelling unit)	\$ 165.00 per year plus \$0.05 per sq. ft.
Multi-Family (per dwelling unit)	\$ 165.00 per year plus \$0.05 per sq. ft.
Commercial (per structure)	\$ 450.00 per year plus \$0.09 per sq. ft.
Industrial (per structure)	\$ 600.00 per year plus \$0.09 per sq. ft.
Solar Farm	\$ 55.00 per acre
Vacant Parcel (with no primary structure)	\$ 0.12 per Acre

#### Hazardous Materials

0 – 9,999 lbs.	\$ 0.00
10,000 – 99,999 lbs.	\$ 1,375.00
100,000 – 999,999 lbs.	\$ 2,750.00
1,000,000+ lbs.	\$ 4,625.00

For a 2,000 square foot home the 2024 fee would be \$210.00 while the proposed 2025 fee would be \$265.00.

The following are EXEMPT from provisions and requirements of the Haz-Mat Fee:

1. Persons and facilities whose only hazardous substance subject to the reporting requirements cited in compliance with 312 Superfund amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA III) are petroleum products (e.g. gasoline, diesel or oil) held only for retail sale to the general public.
2. Units, divisions, agencies, authorities, commissions of local, state or federal government.
3. A critical facility which stores petroleum products (e.g. gasoline, diesel or oil) for use during an emergency. Only petroleum products used for emergency operations will be considered for exemption.
4. A business which is regulated by the Georgia Public Safety Commission.

**Alternatives for Commission to Consider:**

1. Approve the proposed fire fees resolution.
2. Do not approve the proposed fire fees resolution.
3. Provide Staff with direction.

**Recommended Alternative:**

Staff recommends alternative number 1 – approve the proposed fire fees resolution.

**Other Alternatives:**

none

**Department Review:** *(list departments)*

Finance, Fire & Rescue, County Manager

**Funding Source:**

n/a

**Attachments:**

Resolution to set the 2025 fire fees