



2026 Schedule of Fees

State of Georgia, County of Effingham

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY SCHEDULE OF FEES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, in regular meeting assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof, that the Effingham County Schedule of Fees on file with the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, is hereby amended to include the following:

LICENSING AND TAXING OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES	
ANNUAL LICENSE FEE	
Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Retail Beer & Wine sale by drink	\$1,250.00
Retail Liquor sale by drink	\$2,500.00
Retail Beer, Wine and Liquor sale by drink	\$3,750.00
Wholesale License	\$1,000.00
Retail Beer & Wine sale by package	\$1,250.00
Farm Winery, sale by package and drink	\$1,250.00
INITIAL APPLICATION FEE	
Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Beer, Wine, Liquor	\$250.00
Georgia Criminal Information Center (GCIC) Background Check Fee	\$60.00
Fingerprints Fee	\$5.00
Exterior Signs	\$50.00
Advertisement	\$75.00
RENEWAL APPLICATION FEE	
Renewal Application Fee	\$50.00
EXCISE TAX	
Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Case of 48 cans/bottles containing 6oz	\$1.20
Case of 48 cans/bottles containing 7oz	\$1.40
Case of 36 cans/bottles containing 8oz	\$1.20
Case of 24 cans/bottles containing 10oz	\$1.00
Case of 24 cans/bottles containing 12oz	\$1.20
Case of 24 cans/bottles containing 14oz	\$1.40
Case of 24 cans/bottles containing 16oz	\$1.60
Case of 12 cans/bottles containing 32oz	\$1.60
Keg/Drum/ Barrel with capacity to hold 1.125gal	\$0.44
Keg/Drum/ Barrel with capacity to hold 2.25gal	\$0.87
Keg/Drum/ Barrel with capacity to hold 3.875gal	\$1.50

Keg/Drum/ Barrel with capacity to hold 7.75gal	\$3.00
Keg/Drum/ Barrel with capacity to hold 15.5gal	\$6.00
Keg/Drum/ Barrel with capacity to hold 31gal	\$12.00
Proportionate tax for all fractional parts of 15.5gal	
LIQUOR BY PACKAGE OR DRINK	
Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Per Gallon	\$0.80
Per Half Gallon	\$0.40
Per Quart	\$0.20
Per Fifth	\$0.16
Per Pint	\$0.10
Per Tenth	\$0.08
Per Half Pint	\$0.05
Mixed Drink Tax (set by ordinance)	3%
Collection by licensee, licensee may withhold % based on allowable deduction in O.C.G.A. A. § 48-8-50	
WINE FOR SALE BY PACKAGE OR DRINK	
Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Per Liter	\$0.22
Per Gallon	\$0.83
Violations - minimum fine of	\$1,000
LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES	
Late payment of Mixed Drink Tax	15%
Minimum late fee Plus 1% per month tax not paid	\$25.00

ANIMAL CONTROL

Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Adoption Fee	Canine - \$100.00 Felines - \$75.00
Rabies Vaccine	\$15.00 per reclaimed animal
Reclaim Fee – 1 st Offense	\$25.00
Reclaim Fee – 2 nd Offense	\$50.00
Reclaim Fee – 3 rd Offense	\$75.00
Boarding Charge	\$10.00 per day per animal
Quarantine	\$10.00 per day per animal
Veterinarian Charges	Varies
Animal Care Charges	Varies

BUILDING APPLICATION FEES

Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Mobile Home (SW)	\$300.00
Mobile Home (DW)	\$300.00
Mobile Home (TW)	\$300.00
One- and Two-Family Dwellings Building Permit Plan Review Fee is due when plans are submitted. A permit is required for each building	\$200.00 Plan Review Fee + \$0.50 heated + \$0.45 unheated square foot

Accessory Dwelling Unit Building Permit Plan Review is due when plans are submitted A permit is required for each building	\$200.00 Plan Review Fee + \$0.50 heated + \$0.45 unheated square foot
Commercial Building Permit Plan Review Fee is due when plans are submitted A permit is required for each building	Plan review fee is 5% of permit fee, permit fee is \$1.00 per sq. ft. according to site plan review, minimum of \$500.00, Permit Fee Shall Not Exceed \$275,000
Industrial Building Permit Plan Review Fee is due when plans are submitted A permit is required for each building	Plan review fee is 5% of permit fee, permit fee is \$1.00 per sq. ft. according to site plan review, \$1,000 minimum, permit fee shall not exceed \$500,000
Racking Permit	\$2,500.00
One and Two-Family Dwelling Renovation/Remodeling/Addition Permit	\$200.00 admin fee + \$0.40/climate-controlled sq. ft. + \$0.35/non-climate-controlled sq. ft.
Any Government Entities including Schools	\$50 admin fee
Slab	\$100.00
Accessory Building for One- and Two-Family Dwellings	\$100.00 plan review fee + \$.20 sq ft
Pools	\$100 admin fee + \$.20 sq ft pool area
Tower Permit	\$10,000.00 for new \$1,000.00 for modifying existing
Demolition Permit	\$100.00 inspection fee
Moving	\$200.00 plan review fee + \$.20 sq. ft.
Windows	\$100.00 admin fee + \$10.00 per window
Signs	\$200.00 plan review fee + \$0.50 per sq. ft., permit fee shall not exceed \$150,000
Single Inspection Permits Residential (Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC, etc.)	\$100.00 inspection fee
Single Inspection Permits Residential Solar	\$100.00 plan review fee + \$100.00 permit fee
Single Inspection Permits Commercial/Industrial (Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC, etc.)	Admin fee 5% of permit fee minimum \$150.00 + \$7.00 per \$1,000 of construction value permit fee shall not exceed \$150,000
Re-inspection Fee	\$100.00 first failed inspection fee \$200.00 second failed inspection fee \$500.00 third failed inspection fee & above
Stormwater Review	\$275.00
Floodplain Review	\$100.00

COUNTY CLERK

Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Copies	\$0.50 per copy set county wide unless otherwise noted
Copies of Meeting	\$5.00 per CD

EMS

Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
ALS non-emergency	\$525.00
ALS 1 Emergency	\$654.97

BLS non-emergency	\$425.00
BLS Emergency	\$551.56
ALS Level 2	\$947.98
Specialty Care	\$1120.34
Mileage	\$12 per mile
Non-Transport	\$75.00
Non-Transport with Treatment	\$150.00

FILM PERMIT

Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Application Fee	\$25.00 per location
PERMIT FEES	
Professional Filming Permit	\$250.00 per location
Drone Permit	\$125.00
Blanket Permit (no step up required)	\$100.00
AMENDMENT FEES	
Low Impact – minor change such as parking	\$25.00
Medium Impact – moderate change such as equipment or roads	\$50.00
High Impact – major changes such as film dates or traffic control	\$100.00
ON-SITE SERVICES FEE	
Charged for filming on county-owned property when a county staff member is required to be on site during production	\$35.00 per hour or a maximum of \$300.00 per day

FIRE

Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
HAZARDOUS MATERIAL	
Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
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

GIS

ADDRESSING FEE – NEW RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL UNITS & CELL TOWERS	
Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Addressing fee for new residential/commercial/industrial units & cell towers	
1 – 50 units	\$40.00
51 – 100 units	\$80.00
101 – 250 units	\$200.00
251 – 500 units	\$400.00
501+ units	\$800.00

DIGITAL DATA	
Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Parcel shape file (polygons, zoning)	\$80.00
Parcel shape file (polygons, zoning, all tax data)	\$100.00
All other vector layers	\$60.00
Aerial Photography	\$30 per tile
Whole County SIDS	\$1,350.00
LIDAR	
Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Complete County Wide LAS	\$5,000.00
Individual Tile LAS	\$250.00
County Wide Digital Elevation Model	\$5,000.00
Digital Elevation Model tiles	\$250.00
County Wide Contours	\$1,000.00
An hourly rate of \$75.00 will be charged for customized data requiring additional GIS staff time. Customization may include any of the following procedures: Data Conversion processes Rush Jobs with less than 2 days' notice will be charged at an hourly rate of \$75.00	

PRISON	
Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
ID Card fee	\$5.00
Medical fee	\$4.00
D-3-L fee	\$100.00
Medical Co Pay	\$5.00
Monthly Banking Fee	\$1.00
Postmaster	US Postal Service Postage Rate
Indigent Postage	US Postal Service Postage Rate
Mail Rejection Fee	US Postal Service Postage Rate
Restitution	as per damage done

PUBLIC WORKS	
Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
New Culvert Installation Permit	\$120.00- Installation inspection
Existing culvert permit	\$75.00 - Inspection of existing culvert
Right of Way Permit	\$75.00

RECREATION LEAGUES	
Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Instructional League	\$75.00
Youth Softball/Baseball	\$75.00
Youth Basketball	\$75.00
Youth Football	\$75.00
Youth Soccer	\$75.00

Girls' Volleyball	\$60.00
Summer Camps (ALL)	\$50.00
Track	\$20.00
Cheerleading with uniforms	\$40.00
Cheerleading w/out uniforms	\$90.00
Open Baseball/Softball	48-max 450
Adult Women's Volleyball	\$200.00
Adult Basketball	\$400.00
Adult Softball	\$400.00
(Spring & Coed)	\$400.00
Adult Flag Football	\$400.00
Spring run	\$15 \$20
All Stars	\$25.00
Football equipment deposit	\$100.00 / \$50.00 returned

RECREATION FACILITY RENTALS

SPORT/EVENT	AMOUNT	DURATION
Baseball & Softball	\$25.00 per practice	90-minute practice two per week
Baseball & Softball Tournament Fee	\$275.00 for clay fields per field	Per day
Baseball & Softball Tournament Fee	\$375.00 for Reddick Field	Per day
Basketball Gyms for Practices	\$250.00 per team	From February 15 – June 31
Basketball Gyms for Tournaments	CEM gym: \$300.00 per court CLC & Hwy 119 gym \$250.00 per court	Per day
Tennis Camps	\$50.00	Per day
Tennis Lessons	\$15.00 no lights, \$20.00 with lights	Per hour
Tennis Tournaments	\$15.00 no lights, \$20.00 with lights	Per hour
Pickleball Courts for Tournaments	\$15.00 no lights, \$20.00 with lights	Per hour
Pavillion Rental	\$30.00 (2-hour minimum)	\$15.00 for additional hour
Soccer Camps	\$50.00	Per day
Soccer fields for Games	\$50.00 per field	Fall & Spring, per day
Soccer Fields for Practices	\$250.00 per team	Fall & Spring
Hwy 119 back room rental fee	\$300.00 with a \$150.00 deposit	Per day
Clyo Community Center	\$400.00 with a \$200.00 deposit. Deposits go towards final fee	Per day
RECREATION CLARENCE E. MORGAN VENUE RENTALS		
Indoor Multi-purpose Room A	\$25.00	Per Hour
Indoor Multi-purpose Room B	\$25.00	Per Hour
Indoor Multi-purpose Rooms A&B	\$35.00	Per Hour, \$240.00 for 8 hours
Patio	\$45.00	Per Hour, \$280.00 for 8 hours
Patio & Multi-Purpose Rooms A&B	\$70.00	Per Hour, \$430.00 for 8 hours
Game Package – Lawn Jenga	\$25.00	Per Day
Game Package – Kick Darts	\$40.00	Per Day
Game Package – Connect 4	\$25.00	Per Day
Game Package – All 3 Games	\$75.00	Per Day

REGISTRARS

Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Voter's List (Paper)	\$205.00
Voter's List (CD)	\$90.00
District or Municipal Voters List (Paper)	\$225.00
District or Municipal Voters List (CD)	\$130.00

SANITATION

General	
Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
1 sanitation cart & 1 recycle cart	\$276 per year
1 sanitation cart & 1 recycle cart(for seniors) with \$170 discount	\$106 per year
Dry Waste Collection Site Fees	\$0.10 per pound or \$200.00 per ton
Tires	
All tire sizes, no rims accepted	\$0.35 per pound
Code Enforcement Citations	Solid Waste Violations, Minimum Fine \$100

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Background Checks	\$20.00 in County, \$25 out of County
Jail Bond Fees	\$20.00 per person
Civil Services	\$50.00 per service, \$50 per sobpeona
Fingerprints	\$5.00 per person (cards only)
Accident Reports	\$3.00 per report

WATER TREATMENT

Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Treatment of Hauled Wastewater (grease traps and port-a-pottys specifically prohibited)	\$0.140a gallon

WATER & SEWER

Water Connection Fee

1. A Water Connection Service Charge of \$4,220 per residential unit, or equivalent residential unit, or any fraction thereof shall be paid prior to connection of any service line to the County's water system
2. The determination of water consumption for the purpose of determining the number of equivalent residential units shall be based on the Water Use Standards contained below.

Sewer Connection Fee

1. A Sewer Development Fee of \$8,165 per residential unit, or equivalent residential unit, or any fraction thereof shall be paid prior to connection of any service line to the County's sewer system
2. The determination of water consumption for the purpose of determining the number of equivalent residential units shall be based on the Water Use Standards contained below.

Reuse Connection Fee

1. A Reuse Capital Cost Recovery Fee of \$1,573 per residential unit, or equivalent residential unit, or any fraction thereof shall be paid prior to connection of any service line to the County's reuse water system

The determination of water consumption for the purpose of determining the number of equivalent residential units shall be based on the Water Use Standards contained below.

Water Use Standards

1. The standards in the table below shall be used in determination of water consumption for the purpose of determining the number of equivalent residential units. If the table does not provide information for a particular application, the estimated water consumption shall be as calculated by the County Engineer.

Water Usage	
Type of Structure	Water Usage in Gallons Per Day
Apartment, One Bedroom	100 per apartment
Apartment, Two Bedrooms	150 per apartment
Apartment, Three Bedrooms	300 per apartment
Automotive Repair Shops/Tire Shops	60 per bay
Banks	30 per 200 sq. ft.
Assembly Hall	5 per seat
Barber Shop/Beauty Parlor	125 per chair + 20 per employee
Boarding/Rooming House **	100 per room
Bowling Alley	50 per lane + 20 per employee
Car Wash	
1) Wand Wash	125 per bay
2) Hand Wash	500 per stall
3) Automated	7000 per site
Church without Day Care of Kindergarten	5 per seat
Clinic	75 per exam room
Correctional Institution/Prison	200 per inmate
Country Club, Recreation Facilities Only	25 per member
Day Care Center with Meals	8 per person
Dental Office	100 per chair + 20 per employee
Department Store	10 per 100 sq. ft.
Dormitories	150 per room
Drug Store	700 per store
Factory	
1) Without Showers	25 per employee
2) With Showers	35 per employee

Food Service Establishments with Restrooms and Kitchen:	
1) Restaurant, less than 24-hours per day operation	35 per seat + 20 per employee
2) Cafeteria, less than 24-hours per day operation	50 per seat + 20 per employee
3) Restaurant, 24 hours per day operation	75 per seat + 20 per employee
4) Drive-in Restaurant	50 per car space + 20 per employee
5) Carry-out Only	50 per 100 sq. ft. + 20 per employee
Funeral Home	10 per 100 sq. ft.
Grocery Stores	20 per 100 sq. ft.
Hospital	300 per bed
Hotel/Motel, No Kitchen	100 per room
Kindergarten, No Meals	15 per person
Kitchen for Day Care, Kindergarten	20 per person
Laundry, Self Service	150 per machine
Laundry, Commercial	1,000 per machine
Mobile Home Park	300 per site
Nail Salons	50 per chair
Nursing Home**	150 per bed
Office	30 per 200 sq. ft.
Physician's Office	200 per exam room
Schools:	
1) Day, Restrooms and Cafeteria	20 per person
2) Day, Restrooms, Gym and Cafeteria	25 per person
Seafood Market	120 per 100 sq. ft.
Service Stations:	
1) Fuel and Oil Only	100 per pump
2) Full Service	300 + 100 per pump
Shopping Center	10 per 100 sq. ft.
Single Family Dwelling	300 per dwelling
Stadium	2 per seat
Tavern, Bar, Cocktail Lounge – No Meals	30 per seat + 20 per employee
Theater	5 per seat
Travel Trailer Park:	
1) With Independent Water and Sewer Connection	150 per site
2) W/O Independent Water and Sewer Connection	35 per site
Warehouse	10 gals per 1000 sq. ft.
** Add 500 gallons per machine to amount indicated if laundry or dish washing machines are to be installed**	
To setup residential service for an owner	\$125.00 = \$100 deposit+\$25 admin fee
Water Fees	
Type of Structure	Water Usage in Gallons Per Day
To setup residential service for an owner	\$125.00 = \$100 deposit+\$25 admin fee
To setup Multi-Unit Residential Service	\$200.00 = \$200 deposit + \$25 admin fee x # of units
To setup residential service for a renter	\$150.00 = \$125 deposit+\$25 admin fee
To setup non-residential service	\$ 375.00 = \$350 deposit + \$25 admin fee
To setup Multi-Unit Non-Residential Service	Non-Residential service rates x # of units
Drinking Water Meter Fee	Cost of materials + \$100.00 for installation
Meter Box Lid Replacement Fee	Cost of materials + \$100.00 for installation

Reuse Meter Fee	\$840.00
Multi-Unit Residential Water Rates	Residential water rates + base rate x # of units
Residential Water Rates	\$11.03base rate, monthly \$3.64for each 1,000 gallons up to 5,000 gallons \$3.90for each 1,000 gallons over 5,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons \$4.16for each 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons
Multi-Unit Commercial/Industrial Water Rates	Comm/Industrial water rates + base rate x # of units
Commercial/Industrial Water Rates	\$55.13base rate, monthly \$3.90for each 1,000 gallons up to 5,000 gallons \$4.16for each 1,000 gallons over 5,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons \$4.43for each 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons
Multi-Unit Residential Sewer Rates	Residential sewer rates + base rate x # of units
Residential Sewer Rates (Caribbean Village Customers - Base Rate is \$10.00)	\$16.54base rate, monthly \$3.85for each 1,000 gallons up to 5,000 gallons \$4.18for each 1,000 gallons over 5,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons \$4.51for each 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons
Multi-Unit Commercial/Industrial Sewer Rates	Comm/industrial sewer rates + base rate x # of units
Commercial/Industrial Sewer Rates	\$66.15base rate, monthly \$4.18for each 1,000 gallons up to 5,000 gallons \$4.62 for each 1,000 gallons over 5,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons \$4.84 for each 1,000 gallons over 10,000 gallons
Water Wholesale Rate to Bulk Customer (municipal or private)	\$3.53/1,000 gallons
Hydrant Meter Deposit	\$4,000.00
Hydrant Meter Rates	\$78.75 base rate, monthly \$6.33 for each 1,000 gallons
Unauthorized Use of Hydrant Meter	\$1,000 penalty plus assumed usage of 10,000 gallons per day for full billing cycle until compliance is achieved Suspension or revocation of business license for unauthorized use of unmetered County water
Failure to Report Monthly Hydrant Meter Readings	\$50.00 administrative penalty Water usage will be estimated at 1.5 times the average consumption from the previous three billing cycles, or a minimum of 10,000 gallons, whichever is greater. Estimated usage may be adjusted once an accurate meter reading is provided.
Sewer Wholesale Rate (municipal, individual or private)	\$4.71/1,000 gallons
Delinquent Payment Service Charge	\$35.00
Reconnection of Water Service (7:30am-4:00pm weekdays)	\$30.00
Reconnection of Water Service (outside normal working hours, on weekends or holidays)	\$60.00
Unauthorized Use or Connection (Notwithstanding the fee established herein, the County may pursue any other civil and criminal remedies available at law or in equity for unauthorized and/or illegal connections)	\$100 (1st occurrence) \$500 per occurrence thereafter

Returned Check	\$30.00
Service Call (for issues such as leakage on customer side of meter, to flush hot water heater at customer request, repair/replace meter box due to customer damage - parts not included, uncover/raise meter, check meter again after initial check verifies accuracy, etc.)	\$35.00 (during normal working hours) \$65.00 (outside of normal working hours, on weekends and holidays)
Failure to Apply for Service Fee	\$30.00
Temporary Service Fee	\$100 for up to ten (10) business days water and/or sewer usage charged at rates above

ZONING

Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Site Plan & Preliminary Plat	\$400 admin fee
Development Plan Review Fee	Single Family Residential - \$250 + \$25 per lot Multi-Family Residential - \$250 + \$20 per unit
(Fees INCLUDE in house engineer review and are due to be paid prior to plan approval)	Non-Residential - \$500 + \$100 per developed acre* Clearing and Grading Only - \$300 admin fee Fees exclude government, education and religious
Final Plat (including revisions)	Simple Subdivision (5 or Less Lots) - \$100 Minor Subdivision (6-9 Lots) \$150admin fee Major Subdivision (10 or more lots) - \$175 admin fee + \$20 per lot
Development Plan Re-review (after 3 submittals)	\$350admin fee for 1 st submittal, 2 nd and 3 rd submittals are free, subsequent submittals are \$350
Land Disturbing Activity Permit Fee	\$80per acre to be divided equally between Effingham County & Georgia EPD
Tree Preservation Protect Plan Review	\$350.00
Rezoning, Conditional Use, , Variance	\$500.00
Zoning Verification Letters	\$75.00
Text Amendments	\$500.00
Payment in Lieu – Sidewalks	\$38.00 per linear foot
Occupational Tax Administrative Fee	\$50 (in addition to tax charge)
Occupational Tax Administrative Renewal Fee	\$20.00 (in addition to tax charge)
Occupational Tax Charge: Home Occupation:	
1-3 Employees	\$50
4-9 Employees	\$100
10-19 Employees	\$200
20-29 Employees	\$300
30-39 Employees	\$400
40-49 Employees	\$500
50 or more Employees	\$600
Occupational Tax Charge: Commercial/Industrial	
1-3 Employees	\$100.00
4-9 Employees	\$200.00
10-19 Employees	\$300.00
20-29 Employees	\$400.00
30-39 Employees	\$500.00
40-49 Employees	\$600.00
50 or more Employees	\$750.00
Temporary Consumer Fireworks Retail Sales	\$500.00 per location

Stand License Fee	
<i>* developed acre = disturbed area with the exception of all building footprints</i>	
<i>All ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed.</i>	
<i>Adopted by the Effingham County Board of Commissioners this day of August 4, 2026</i>	