

Staff Report

Subject: Fire fees for 2023
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Department: Finance
Meeting Date: 6/20/23
Item Description: Consideration to approve a resolution to adopt the 2023 fire fees

Summary Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution to adopt the 2023 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.

Proposed changes to the fire fee are in red.

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

Residential	\$ 120.00 per year plus \$0.01 per sq. ft.
Multi-Family	
One to Four Units	\$ 120.00 per year plus \$0.01 per sq. ft.
Five or more Units	\$ 80.00 for each additional unit plus \$0.01 per sq. ft.
Commercial	
5,000 sq. ft. or less	\$ 330.00 per year
5,000 – 15,000 sq. ft.	\$ 555.00 plus \$0.022 per sq. ft.
15,000 sq. ft. or more	\$ 830.00 plus \$0.022 per sq. ft.
Industrial (per structure)	
0 – 5,000 sq. ft.	\$660.00 per year
5,000 – 15,000 sq. ft.	\$1,105 plus \$0.028 per sq. ft.
15,000 – 1,000,000 sq. ft.	\$1,655 plus \$0.028 per sq. ft.
1,000,000 sq. ft. or more	\$30,005.00 plus \$0.016 per sq. ft.
Solar Farm	\$42.00 per acre

Vacant Parcel \$0.105 per Acre
(with no primary structure)

2. Staff is recommending the following fire fee for 2023:

Residential (per structure) \$ 120.00 per year plus \$0.02 per sq. ft.

Multi-Family (per structure)

One to Four Units \$ 120.00 per year plus \$0.02 per sq. ft.

Five or more Units \$ 80.00 for each additional unit plus \$0.02 per sq. ft.

Commercial (per structure) \$ 350.00 per year plus \$0.05 per sq. ft.

Industrial (per structure) \$ 500.00 per year plus \$0.05 per sq. ft.

Solar Farm \$ 50.00 per acre

Vacant Parcel \$ 0.105 per Acre
(with no primary structure)

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 2023 fire fees