

	<b>CITY OF JONESBORO, GEORGIA COUNCIL</b> <b>Agenda Item Summary</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE:</b> December 1, 2025
<b>Requesting Agency (Initiator)</b> Community Development		<b>Sponsor(s)</b> Faith Akuta
<b>Item Title:</b>	Council to consider Fee Schedule changes, relative to new State requirements regarding building permit fees.	
<b>Requested Action</b> Fee Schedule Changes		
<b>Requirement for Board Action</b> Council approval is required to formally adopt a revised building permit fee schedule in compliance with House Bill 461 (effective July 1, 2024), which mandates that permit fees be based on square footage or hourly criteria rather than construction valuation.		
<b>Is this Item Goal Related?</b> Yes.		
<b>Summary and Background</b> <p>This item is being re-presented for Council consideration.</p> <p>Effective July 1, 2024, House Bill 461 requires building permit fees in Georgia to be based on either square footage or hourly criteria, replacing the City of Jonesboro's current method of calculating fees based on construction valuation. After consultation with the City's building official and Safebuilt, the hourly method was determined to be infeasible; therefore, Safebuilt developed the attached proposed fee schedule based on square footage thresholds.</p> <p>The supporting materials include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Table 1:</b> Existing City of Jonesboro permit fees (as closely matched as possible)</li> <li>• <b>Table 2:</b> Average permit fees for Morrow, Fayetteville, and Hapeville</li> <li>• <b>Table 3:</b> Comparison showing differences between current fees and average table</li> <li>• <b>Additional Document:</b> Proposed fee multipliers for long-duration and complex projects</li> <li>• <b>Attachment:</b> Proposed Fee Schedule for Council consideration</li> </ul> <p>The proposed changes apply only to permits for new building construction. Existing flat fees for roofing, electrical, plumbing, and HVAC permits will remain unchanged.</p> <p>While multipliers for large or multi-phase projects are included, no such projects are anticipated in the near future.</p>		
<b>Fiscal Impact</b> (Include projected cost, approved budget amount and account number, source of funds, and any future funding requirements.) See attachments.		
<b>Exhibits Attached</b> (Provide copies of originals, number exhibits consecutively.)		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Georgia-2023-HB461-Enrolled</li><li>• Copy of Jonesboro Fee Comparison</li><li>• Complex and long duration projects fee schedule</li></ul>
<p><b>Staff Recommendation</b> (Type name, Title, Agency and Phone number.)</p> <p>Staff recommends <b>approval</b> of the proposed building permit fee schedule to ensure compliance with House Bill 461 and alignment with industry standards and regional benchmarks.</p>

FOLLOW-UP APPROVAL ACTION (City Clerk)		
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Signature	City Clerk's Office	