

**COUNTY OF WALKER
STATE OF GEORGIA**

ORDINANCE NO. R-014-17

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CREATING THE WALKER COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY FEE WITHIN TAX DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON STRUCTURES LOCATED IN THE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Sole Commissioner of Walker County is the county governing authority for Walker County, Georgia (1939 Georgia Laws No. 39); and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 2, Paragraph 6, of the Constitution of the State of Georgia authorizes county governing authorities to create special tax districts with the County for the provision of certain services; and

WHEREAS, by ordinance adopted on September 20, 1994, Walker County did create a special tax district within Walker County to provide fire fighting and emergency management services, and established a fee schedule for such services; and

WHEREAS, it is the interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the Citizens of Walker County that the services funded by the revenues from the special tax district include public safety services, including without limitation expenses incurred in fire fighting, emergency management services, first responder medical assistance, and other related services; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the fee schedule for such services within Walker County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia, that the previous ordinance creating the Walker County Fire and Rescue District is amended to provide that the fees collected by the special tax district shall be used for the payment of public safety services, including but not limited fire fighting, emergency management services, first responder medical assistance, and other related services; and

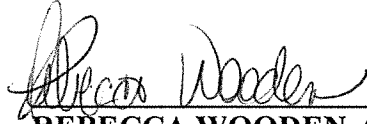
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the fee schedule established by the previous ordinance, and any and all subsequent amendments, is amended and shall now be as set forth in Attachment A, which is incorporated herein by reference.

All other provisions of the Ordinance not previously amended, or not specifically affected by this amendment, shall remain in full force and effect. This amendment shall take effect immediately upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 24th day of August, 2017.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA



REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk



SHANNON WHITFIELD, Commissioner

Walker County Public Safety Fee Schedule

Effective October 1, 2017

Single Family Dwellings (Residential Houses and Mobile Homes)

- 10 cents per square foot.
- Minimum fee of \$90.00 per house and/or mobile home.
- Maximum fee of \$400.00 per house and/or mobile home.

NOTE

*A public safety fee will be billed for each house and/or mobile home on a parcel.

Multi-Family Dwellings (duplexes and triplexes)

- 10 cents per square foot.
- Minimum fee of \$90.00
- Maximum fee of \$400.00

NOTE

* Multi-family dwellings will be billed for the square footage per building.

Agricultural

- 10 cents per square foot.
- Minimum fee of \$90.00
- Maximum fee of \$400.00

NOTE

*A public safety fee will be billed for each house and/or mobile home on a parcel zoned agricultural.

*A parcel with no house or mobile home that is zoned agricultural but has a barn, stable, quonset building, milking house/parlor, or poultry house will be billed for the square footage of the building or buildings.

*An agricultural parcel that has a house or mobile home and an additional barn, stable, quonset building, milking house/parlor, or poultry house will be charged for the combined square footage of the house or mobile home and the additional buildings not to exceed \$400.

*An agricultural parcel that has multiple houses and/or mobile homes and an additional barn, stable, quonset building, milking house/parlor, or poultry house will be charged for a combined square footage of one house or mobile home and the additional building to the maximum of \$400. Each additional house or mobile home on the parcel will be charged separately.

Commercial

- 10 cents per square foot.
- Minimum fee of \$400.00
- Maximum fee of \$3,000.00

NOTE

* Apartments, townhomes, and quadplexes are commercial properties

Industrial

- 10 cents per square foot.
- Minimum fee of \$1,500.00
- Maximum fee of \$15,000.00

No Value

- Any structure that is assessed at no value will be charged a public safety fee based on square footage.
- Any parcel participating in a pilot or abatement agreement will be charged a public safety fee based on square footage (Walker County Government will manually bill said parcels).