



RESOLUTION R-024-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County desires to revise the fee schedule for permits, inspections, zoning applications, planning and development, stormwater and erosion control, special use permits, administration and other matters; and

WHEREAS, the Board has the authority to set said fees, pursuant to the Walker County Code of Ordinances Chapter 1, Section 1-20;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the fees associated with the Walker County Planning Department shall be set forth in "Exhibit A" attached hereto and made a part thereof;

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2024.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Whitney Summey

Whitney Summey, Deputy Clerk

Shannon K. Whitfield

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for Approval from Commissioner Hart, second by Commissioner Askeo, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the Resolution.

EXHIBIT A

WALKER COUNTY PLANNING OFFICE - FEE SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 15th, 2024



Permits	FEE AMOUNT
Building Permits - New Construction	\$250 minimum
Building Permits - Renovations with a projected value of \$75,000 or more	\$250 minimum
Building Permits - Renovations with a projected value under \$75,000	\$100 minimum
Building Permits - Accessory Buildings and Additions	\$100 minimum
Single Family Residential	\$0.20/sq ft
Commercial	\$0.25/sq ft
Industrial	\$0.35/sq ft
Agricultural Auxiliary Buildings with proof of Georgia Agricultural Tax Exemption (GATE)	\$0.10/sq ft
Residential Accessory Buildings	\$0.20/sq ft
Replacement Building Permit Card	\$25
Demolition of any Residential Building or Structure	\$100
Chicken Houses (Plus Inspections)	\$500
Manufactured Home Permit	\$125
Replacement Decals with Proof of Original Issuance	\$25
Broadcasting Tower or similar structure	\$1500 + \$2/linear ft
Cell Tower or Co-Locate or similar	\$500
Sign Permit with area less than 75 sq ft	\$100
Sign Permit with area 75 sq ft or more	\$250
Building Permit Renewal before the original permit expires	1/2 Original Fee
Building Permit Renewal after the original permit has expired	Original Fee
After-the-fact Permit	All Fees Double
Inspections	
Mechanical Inspection (renovations, repairs and alterations)	\$80
Electrical Inspection (renovations, repairs and alterations)	\$80
Plumbing Inspection (renovations, repairs and alterations)	\$80
Propane or Natural Gas Inspection (renovations, repairs and alterations)	\$80
Electrical Reconnect Inspection	\$80
Temporary Electrical Inspection	\$80
Footing/Foundation Inspection	\$80
Rough-in Inspection - with building permit (includes mechanical, electrical, plumbing and gas)	\$80
Insulation Inspection	\$80
1st Re-inspection (any trade)	\$50
2nd or Subsequent Re-Inspection (any trade)	\$80
Permanent Electrical Inspection	\$80
Final Inspection (includes Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Completion)	\$100
Zoning Application Fees	
Rezone Request:	
Individual Lot for Single Family Dwelling	\$75
Agricultural Large Acreage (A1)	\$150
Residential Agricultural (RA)	\$75
Residential Development	\$300
Existing Single Lot to Commercial, Office	\$300
Commercial Development Multi Tenant	\$300/tenant
Industrial	\$400/tenant
PUD (Planned Unit Development)	\$400
Conditional Use Request	\$150
Variance Request - Planning Commission	\$150
Variance Request - In-house for Family or 3-ft	\$75
Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Prior to Rezoning	\$200
Appeals	\$25
Certification of Zoning Letter	\$25
Planning & Development Fees	
Auction Plat Review Fee	\$150
Auction Plat Final Plat Fee (after sale)	\$50
Preliminary Plat Review Fee (Minor Subdivision w/8 lots or less and no new roads)	\$150
Preliminary Plat Review Fee (Major Subdivision)	\$300
Final Plat Filing Fee (Minor Subdivision w/8 lots or less and no new roads)	\$25/lot
Final Plat Filing Fee (Major Subdivision)	\$50/lot
Plan Review for 3rd and subsequent submittal for a revised plat.	\$300
Final Plat Revision for Minor Changes	\$50
Final Plat Revision for Major Changes	\$50/lot
Stormwater & Erosion Control Fees	
Erosion & Sedimentation Stormwater Plan Review Fee	\$300
State NPDES Fees	\$40/acre disturbed
Land Disturbing Activity Permit	\$50/acre or fraction of
Land Disturbing Fees with Building Permits:	
Per Building Permit Not in Subdivisions	\$25
Per Building Permit in Subdivision with 10 lots or less	\$25 per lot
Per Building Permit in Subdivision with 11 lots to 50 lots	\$50 per lot
Per Building Permit in Subdivision with 51 lots or more	\$75 per lot

Commercial Development - Per Building Permit	\$300
Industrial Development - Per Building Permit	\$300
Stormwater Permit Fee	\$300 base
Residential Development (plus base fee)	\$15/lot
Commercial Development (plus base fee)	\$25/acre or fraction of
Industrial Development (plus base fee)	\$50/acre or fraction of
Special Use Permits	
Class 1 - Hazardous Waste Disposal, Landfills, Solid Waste, etc	\$3,000
Class 1 - Renewal	\$750
Class 2 - Recycling plant, Chemical Plants, liquid or industrial waste, etc.	\$2,000
Class 2 - Renewal	\$500
Class 3 - Coal Burners, race tracks, obnoxious odors, vibrations, etc.	\$1,000
Class 4 - Junk Yards, Scrap Processors, etc.	\$1,000
Class 3 or 4 - Renewal	\$250
Administrative Fees	
Copies - Black/White - 8.5" x 11"	\$0.25
Copies - Black/White - 8.5" x 14"	\$0.50
Copies - Black/White - 11" x 17"	\$1
Copies - Black/White - Larger	\$7
Copies - Color - 8.5" x 11"	\$0.50
Copies - Color - 8.5" x 14"	\$0.75
Copies - Color - 11" x 17"	\$2
Copies - Color - Larger	\$10
Land Development Regulations	\$45
Monthly Building Permit Reports (paper or electronic)	\$5

Walker County Building Department Fee Schedule for Compliance with HB 461
Effective July 15, 2024

A. **Building**. For all buildings, structures, or alterations requiring a building permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:

1. The permit fee for new construction and substantial renovation of residential structures shall be \$0.20 per square feet of the structure. All areas under a roof shall be included in the total square feet of the structure. The minimum fee shall be \$250.00.
2. The permit fee for new construction and substantial renovation of commercial structures shall be calculated per square foot and type of occupancy below:
 - Commercial and Mercantile Occupancies = \$0.25/square foot
 - Industrial and Manufacturing = \$0.35/square foot
 - Agricultural Auxiliary Buildings = \$0.10/square foot with proof of Georgia Agricultural Tax Exemption (GATE)
 - Residential Accessory Buildings = \$0.20/square foot

All areas under a roof shall be included in the total square feet of the structure. The minimum fee shall be \$250.00 for all occupied new buildings and renovations \$75,000 and above. The minimum fee shall be \$100.00 for renovations projects under \$75,000, accessory buildings, auxiliary buildings and additions.

3. Renovation projects under \$75,000 in value. The permit fee shall be \$100.00.
4. Renovation projects \$75,000 and over. The permit fees will be calculated per paragraphs 1 and 2 above.
5. The demolition of any residential building or structure, the fee shall be \$100.00.
6. Where any work has been disapproved, the fee for a reinspection shall be:
 - i. For the first reinspection there will be a \$50.00 fee.
 - ii. For subsequent reinspection the fee shall be \$80.00.
7. Where any building permit needs to be extended but has not yet expired, the reactivation fee shall be one half of the original permit fee.
8. Where a permit has expired, all original permit fees shall apply.

B. **Gas**. For all gas systems requiring a permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:

1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition of gas piping, appliances or appurtenances, the fee shall be \$80.00.
2. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a reinspection shall be as follows:
 - i. For the first reinspection there will be a \$50.00 fee.
 - ii. For subsequent reinspection the fee shall be \$80.00.

C. **Electrical**. For all electrical systems requiring a permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:

1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition of electrical work the fee shall be \$80.00.

2. For temporary electrical service, the fee shall be \$80.00.
3. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a re-inspection shall be as follows:
 - i. For the first reinspection there will be a \$50.00 fee
 - ii. For subsequent reinspection the fee shall be \$80.00.

D. **Plumbing.** For all plumbing work requiring a permit a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:

1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition to any plumbing system, fixture, or appliance the fee shall be \$80.00.
2. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a re-inspection shall be as follows:
 - i. For the first reinspection there will be a \$50.00 fee.
 - ii. For subsequent reinspection the fee shall be \$80.00.

E. **Mechanical.** For all heating and air conditioning work requiring a permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:

1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition of heating, ventilating, duct, air conditioning and refrigeration systems, the fee shall be \$80.00.
2. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a re-inspection shall be as follows:
 - i. For the first reinspection there will be a \$50.00 fee.
 - ii. For subsequent inspection the fee shall be \$80.00.

F. **Building permit valuations.** If for substantial renovation projects, in the opinion of the building official, the valuation of building, alteration, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing systems appear to be underestimated on the application, permit shall be denied, unless the applicant can show detailed estimates to meet the approval of the building official. Permit valuations shall include total cost, such as electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing equipment and other systems, including materials and labor.