

**STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-26

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD GEORGIA, CHAPTER 12, FEE SCHEDULE, SHALL BE AMENDED IN IT'S ENTIRETY; TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Springfield, Georgia is authorized by O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 to adopt ordinances relating to its property, affairs and local government;

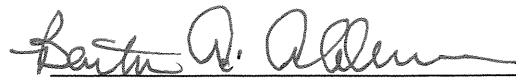
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have authority to amend the City's ordinances from time to time and where necessary to maintain adequate regulations; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, in a regular meeting assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof, as follows:

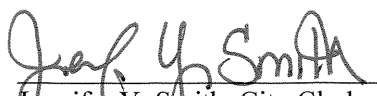
- Section 1. Chapter 12, Fee Schedule shall be amended in its entirety to now read as stated on "Exhibit A", which is attached to and becomes part of this ordinance:
- Section 2. The amendments to Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springfield, Georgia as summarized in Section 1 herein are set forth in Attachment A which is attached hereto, incorporated herein by reference, and hereby made a part of this ordinance.
- Section 3. If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.
- Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2025.
- Section 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

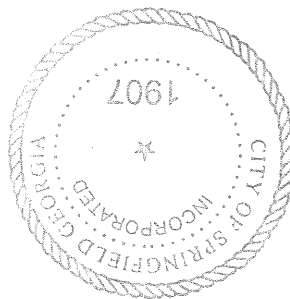
SO ORDAINED this 10 day of December, 2024.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD


Barton A. Alderman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Y. Smith, City Clerk



Chapter 12

FEE SCHEDULE

Secs. 12-1. – 12-20. Reserved.

Sec. 12-21. Administration Rates and Charges

(a) Notary or Document Certification	\$2.50 per page
(b) Photocopies	\$0.10 per page
(c) Postage	Actual Cost of Mailing
(d) Return Check Fee	\$30.00
(e) Large Scale Printing (24x36in)	\$1.00 per page

Sec. 12-22. Alcohol Licenses Rates and Charges

(a) Annual Renewal Application Fee	\$25.00
(b) Application Fee (<i>New Request for any Alcohol License</i>)	\$250.00
(c) Consumption on Premises of Beer and Wine	\$1,000.00
(d) Consumption of Premises of Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits	\$2,000.00
(e) Retail Package Sale of Beer and/or Wine	\$1,000.00
(f) Retail Package Sale of Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits	\$1,000.00
(g) Sunday Sales Permit (requires qualifying license (c,d, or e)	\$150.00
(h) Sunday Sales Permit Application Fee	\$25.00
(i) Special Event Alcohol License	\$25.00
(j) Complimentary Alcohol Permit	\$300.00

New Alcohol License issued after June 30th will be pro-rated at one half (½) the regular rate.

Sec. 12-23. Business License (Occupational Tax) Rates and Charges

(a) Based on the number of employees including owner:			
1.	0-3	Employees including owner	\$90.00
2.	4-9	Employees including owner	\$120.00
3.	10-19	Employees including owner	\$220.00
4.	20-29	Employees including owner	\$320.00
5.	30-39	Employees including owner	\$420.00

6. 40 or More Employees including owner \$520.00

New businesses opened after June 30th will be pro-rated at ½ the regular rate.

- (b) Insurance Company License Registration Fee \$40.00
- (c) Business License Registration Fee \$35.00
- (d) Temporary Food Service License \$25.00
- (e) Mobile Food Vending License \$150.00

Sec. 12-24. Candidate Qualification Fees

- (a) Fixing and publishing of Candidate Qualification Fees shall be set in accordance with O.C.G.A. §21-2-131.

Sec. 12-25. Fire Service Rates and Charges

- (a) Fire Service rates and charges for Residential, Commercial and Tax-Exempt properties located inside the City Limits are assessed and collected by Effingham County.

Sec. 12-26. Motorized Vehicle (Golf Cart) Permit Rates and Charges

- (a) Administrative Fee \$10.00
- (b) Permit Fee \$15.00

Sec. 12-27. Open Records Request Rates and Charges

- (a) Fees shall be calculated to comply with the Open Records Act.

Sec. 12-28. Sanitation Service Rates and Charges

- (a) 1 Garbage Roll Cart \$14.00 per month
- (b) Additional Roll Cart (*upon customer's request*) \$7.50 per month

Sec. 12.29. Water and Sewer Deposit Rates and Charges

- (a) Deposits are required for all customer accounts and are payable prior to connection of service.
 - 1. Residential Inside City Limits (Water, Sewer & Garbage) \$125.00 (Own) \$150.00 (Rent)
 - 2. Residential Outside City Limits (Water & Sewer) \$145.00 (Own) \$170.00 (Rent)
 - 3. Residential (Water Only) \$100.00 (Own) \$125.00 (Rent)

4. Residential (Sewer Only)	\$105.00 (Own) \$130.00 (Rent)
5. Residential (Garbage Only)	\$50.00
6. Commercial Inside or Outside City Limits	\$100.00
7. Hydrant Meter Deposit	\$1000.00

Sec. 12-30. Water Meter Equipment Fees

METER SIZE	Meter Fee	MAX GAL./MIN.	BASE ERUs
Standard 3/4 Residential	\$800.00	20	1
1 Inch	\$1,050.00	50	3
1.5 Inch*	\$1,100.00	100	5
2 Inch*	\$1,150.00	160	8
3 Inch*	\$3,000.00	500	25
4 Inch*	\$4,000.00	1,000	50
6 Inch*	\$6,000.00	1,600	80
8 Inch*	\$7,000.00	2,800	140
10 Inch*	\$10,000.00	5,500	275

*Meter box/vault to be provided by the contractor/customer.

Meter Equipment Fee is for a standard 3/4" water meter. Other meter sizes will be charged based on market price at time of request.

(c) Meter Box Lid Replacement (3/4 inch meter)	\$40.00
(d) Meter Tamper Fee	\$75.00
(e) Meter Diagnostic* – Usage Report Review (no malfunction found)	\$25.00
(f) Meter Diagnostic* – Bucket Test (no malfunction found)	\$15.00
(g) Meter Diagnostic – Meet On-Site (no malfunction found)	\$25.00

*One diagnostic per calendar year, per account, at no charge.

Sec. 12-31 Water and Sewer Impact Fees

(a) Water Impact Fee	1 Equivalent Residential Unit	\$1,750.00
(b) Sewer Impact Fee	1 Equivalent Residential Unit	\$4,206.00

Impact fee rates may vary for locations outside the City Limits based on water and sewer agreements.

Sec. 12-32. Water and Sewer Tap Fees

- (a) Standard Water Tap (no bore) \$850.00
- (b) Standard Sewer Tap (no bore) \$850.00

Any tap requiring boring under roadway will be charged based on market price at time of request.

Sec. 12-33. Water and Sewer Service Rates and Charges

(a) Residential or Commercial Water Rates – Inside City Limits

- 1. 1st Unit 0 - 2,000 gallons \$13.00 Base per ERU(see meter size)
- 2. 2nd Unit 2,000 – 5,000 gallons \$2.75 per 1,000 Gallons
- 3. 3rd Unit 5,000 – 20,000 gallons \$3.50 per 1,000 Gallons
- 4. 4th Unit Over 20,000 gallons \$4.50 per 1,000 Gallons

(b) Residential or Commercial Sewer Rates – Inside City Limits

- 1. 1st Unit 0 – 2,000 gallons \$20.00 Base per ERU(see meter size)
- 2. 2nd Unit Over 2,000 gallons \$4.25 per 1,000 Gallons

(c) Residential or Commercial Water Rates – Outside City Limits

- 1. 1st Unit 0 – 2,000 gallons \$20.00 Base per ERU(see meter size)
- 2. 2nd Unit 2,000 – 5,000 gallons \$3.25 per 1,000 Gallons
- 3. 3rd Unit 5,000 – 20,000 gallons \$4.50 per 1,000 Gallons
- 4. 4th Unit Over 20,000 gallons \$5.75 per 1,000 Gallons

(d) Residential Sewer Rates – Outside City Limits

- 1. 1st Unit 0 – 2,000 gallons \$38.00 Base per ERU(see meter size)
- 2. 2nd Unit Over 2,000 gallons \$5.25 per 1,000 Gallons

(e) Commercial Sewer Rates – Outside City Limits

- 1. 1st Unit 0 – 2,000 gallons \$38.00 Base per ERU(see meter size)
- 2. 2nd Unit 2,000-19,999 gallons \$5.25 per 1,000 Gallons
- 3. 3rd Unit 20,000-49,999 gallons \$5.75 per 1,000 Gallons
- 4. 4th Unit Over 50,000 gallons \$6.25 per 1,000 Gallons

(f) Delinquent Account Late Charge 10% of Current Balance Owed

(g) Water and/or Sewer Disconnection Administration Fee \$50.00

(h) Paper Bill Fee (E-Bill Available at \$0 Charge) \$3.00/printed utility bill

(i) Dedicated Fire Line

1. 1 st Unit	0 – 2,000 gallons	\$20.00 Base (minimum monthly)
2. 2 nd Unit	Over 2,000 gallons	\$4.00 per 1,000 Gallons

12.34. Building Permit Rates and Charges

(a) Carport Permit (Closed In)		\$50.00
(b) Commercial Addition/Renovations Permits		\$50.00 + \$0.40 Climate Control sq ft \$0.30 Non-Climate Control sq ft
(c) Commercial Building Permit		\$50.00 + \$0.50 Climate Control sq ft \$0.40 Non-Climate Control sq ft
(d) Re-Inspection – 1 st		\$50.00
(e) Re-Inspection – 2 nd		\$75.00
(f) Re-Inspection – 3 rd and all additional		\$100.00
(g) Demolition Permit		\$50.00
(h) Driveway Permit		\$50.00 (with culvert) \$20.00 (without culvert)
(i) Utility Inspection Permit		\$50.00
(j) Garage Unattached	(electrical/plumbing)	\$50.00 + \$0.10 sq ft
Garage Unattached	(no electrical and plumbing)	\$50.00 + \$0.05 sq ft
(k) Government, Educational and Religious Building		\$50.00
(l) Gov., Educational and Religious Building Remodel/Addition		\$50.00
(m) Pool Permit		\$50.00 + \$0.10 sq ft pool area
(n) Porch and Deck Permit		\$50.00 + \$0.10 sq ft
(o) Relocation Permit		\$100.00
(p) Residential Addition/Renovation Permit		\$50.00 + \$0.20 Climate Control sq ft \$0.15 Non-Climate Control sq ft
(q) Residential Building Permit		\$50.00 + \$0.25 Climate Control sq ft \$0.20 Non-Climate Control sq ft
(r) Roof Inspection Permit		\$50.00
(s) Sign Construction Permit		\$25.00 + \$0.10 sq ft sign area
(t) Slab Permit		\$50.00 + \$0.10 sq ft
(u) Utility Permit (right-of-way)		\$50.00 + 100.00 plan review/inspect.

(v) Warehouse (open span, non-climate controlled)	\$50+ \$0.15 sq ft
(w) Windows Permit	\$50.00 + \$5.00 per \$1,000 in est. cost
(x) Residential/Commercial Development Eng. Review and Inspection Fee (Per Phase)	\$2,000.00

Sec. 12-35. Zoning Fees

(a) Rezoning Application Fee	\$250.00
(b) Conditional Use/Variance/Special Exemption Application Fee	\$100.00
(c) Plat Review Application Fee	\$25.00
(d) Sign Application Review Fee	\$25.00

Sec. 12-36. Subdivision Fees

(a) Preliminary Plat Review Fee	
1. Minor Subdivision (1-3 lots)	\$50.00 + \$50.00 for ea. lot subdivided
2. Intermediate Subdivision (4-49 lots)	\$100.00 + \$50.00 for ea. lot subdivided
3. Major Subdivision (50 or more lots)	\$250.00 + \$50.00 for ea. lot subdivided
(b) Final Plat Review Fee	\$100.00

Sec. 12-37. Special Event Permit and Fees

(a) Special Event Application Fee (90 Days in Advance)	\$25.00
(b) Expedited Special Event Application (Less than 90 Days)	\$50.00
(c) Road Closure Request (City Streets)	\$50.00
(d) Road Closure Request (State Route – Laurel Street)*	\$150.00
(e) Off Duty Springfield Police Officer	\$75/hr/officer
*Minimum of two Springfield Officers are required for State Route Closures.	
(f) Barricade (includes delivery & pickup – not setup)	
1. Up to 30 Barricades	\$25.00
2. More than 30 Barricades	\$60.00
(g) Application Change Fee (dates/times/streets/etc.)	\$25.00/additional review