

STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16

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;

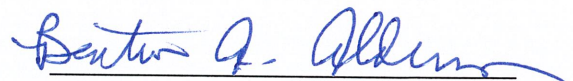
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have authority to amend the City's ordinances from time to time and where necessary to maintain adequate regulations; and

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:

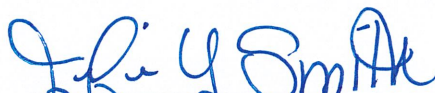
- Section 1. Chapter 12, Fee Schedule shall be amended in its entirety to now read as stated on "Exhibit A", which is attached to and becomes part of this ordinance:
- Section 2. The amendments to Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springfield, Georgia as summarized in Section 1 herein 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, 2026.
- Section 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SO ORDAINED this 28 day of October, 2025.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD


Barton A. Alderman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Y. Smith, City Clerk

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BUILDING APPLICATION/PERMIT FEES

Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Building Permit Application - Base Fee (Applies to all of the following)	\$50.00
Carport Permit (Closed In)	
Driveway Permit - Without Culvert	
Demolition Permit	
Roof Inspection Permit	
Utility Inspection Permit	
 Additional Fees	
Commercial Addition/Renovation Permit	
Climate Controlled Sq. Ft.	Plus \$0.40/Sq. Ft.
Non-Climate Controlled Sq. Ft.	Plus \$0.30/Sq. Ft.
Commercial Building Permit	
Climate Controlled Sq. Ft.	Plus \$0.50/Sq. Ft.
Non-Climate Controlled Sq. Ft.	Plus \$0.40/Sq. Ft.
Industrial Building Permit	Plus \$0.75/Sq. Ft.
Driveway Permit - With Culvert	Plus \$20.00
Garage - Unattached	
No Electrical and Plumbing	Plus \$.05/Sq. Ft.
With Electrical and Plumbing	Plus \$0.10/Sq. Ft.
Government, Educational, Religious Building/Remodel/Addition	Plus \$0.10/Sq. Ft.
Pool Permit	Plus \$0.10/Sq. Ft.
Porch and Deck Permit	Plus \$0.10/Sq. Ft.
Relocation Permit	Plus \$50.00
Residential Addition/Renovation	
Climate Controlled Sq. Ft.	Plus \$0.20/Sq. Ft.
Non-Climate Controlled Sq. Ft.	Plus \$0.15/Sq. Ft.
Residential Building Permit	
Climate Controlled Sq. Ft.	Plus \$0.25/Sq. Ft.
Non-Climate Controlled Sq. Ft.	Plus \$0.20/Sq. Ft.
Sign Construction Permit	Plus \$0.10/Sq. Ft. of Sign Area
Slab Permit	Plus \$0.10/Sq. Ft.
Utility Permit (Right-of-Way)	Plus \$100.00/Plan
Warehouse (open space, non-climate controlled)	Plus \$0.15/Sq. Ft.
Windows Permit	Plus \$5.00 per \$1,000 in est. cost
 Inspection Fees	
Re-Inspection - 1st	\$50.00
Re-Inspection - 2nd	\$75.00
Re-Inspection - 3rd and additional	\$100.00
 Engineer Review Fees (does not apply to in-city residential subdivisions)	
Plan Review Fee	\$1,000.00
Development Water Service Extension	\$1000 per plan review + \$20/metered lot/unit
Development Sewer Service Extension	\$1000 per plan review + \$20/metered lot/unit
 Motorized Vehicle (Golf Cart) Permit Rates and Charges	
Administrative Fee	\$10.00
Permit Fee	\$15.00
 Special Event Permit and Fees	
Special Event Application Fee (90 Days in Advance)	\$25.00
Special Event Application Fee (Less than 90 Days in Advance)	\$50.00
Road Closure Request (City Streets)	\$50.00
Road Closure Request (State Route - Laurel Street)	\$150.00
<i>Minimum of two Springfield Officers are required for State Route Closures</i>	
Off Duty Springfield Police Officer	\$75/hr/officer
Barricade (includes delivery & pickup - not setup)	
Up to 30 Barricades	\$25.00
More than 30 Barricades	\$60.00
Application Change Fee (dates/times/streets/etc.)	\$25.00/additional review

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ZONING AND SUBDIVISION FEES

Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Zoning Fees	
Rezoning Application Fee	\$250.00
Conditional Use/Variance/Special Exemption Application Fee	\$100.00
Plat Review Application Fee	\$25.00
Sign Application Review Fee	\$25.00
Subdivision Fees	
Preliminary Plat Review Fee	
Minor Subdivision (1-3 lots)	\$50.00 + \$75.00/each lot subdivided
Intermediate Subdivision (4-49 lots)	\$100.00 + \$75.00/each lot subdivided
Major Subdivision (50 or more lots)	\$250.00 + \$75.00/each lot subdivided
Final Plat Review Fee	\$100.00

CITY CLERK

Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Notary or Document Certification	\$2.50/signature
Photocopies	\$0.10/page
Flash Drive for Records	\$5.00
Postage	Actual Cost of Mailing
Return Check Fee	\$30.00
Large Scale Printing (24in.x36in.)	\$3.00/page
Open Records Requests	Fees shall be calculated to comply with the Open Records Act

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFYING

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

LICENSING AND TAXING

Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
Alcohol Licenses Rates and Charges	
Annual Renewal Application Fee	\$25.00
Application Fee (<i>New Request for any Alcohol License</i>)	\$250.00
Complimentary Alcohol Permit	\$300.00
Consumption on Premises of Beer and Wine	\$1,000.00
Consumption on Premises of Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits	\$2,000.00
Retail Package Sale of Beer and/or Wine	\$1,000.00
Retail Package Sale of Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits	\$1,000.00
Sunday Sales Permit (requires qualifying license)	\$150.00
Sunday Sales Permit Application Fee	\$25.00
Special Event Alcohol License	\$25.00
<i>New Alcohol License issued after June 30th will be pro-rated at one half (1/2) the regular rate.</i>	
Business License (Occupational Tax) Rates and Charges	
Based on the number of employees including owner:	
0-3 Employees including owner	\$90.00
4-9 Employees including owner	\$120.00
10-19 Employees including owner	\$220.00
20-29 Employees including owner	\$320.00
30-39 Employees including owner	\$420.00
40 or more Employees including owner	\$520.00
<i>New businesses opened after June 30th will be pro-rated at one half (1/2) the regular rate.</i>	
Insurance Company License Registration Fee	\$40.00
Business License Registration Fee	\$35.00
Temporary Food Service License	\$25.00
Mobile Food Vending License	\$150.00

FIRE SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES

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

SANITATION

Service Rendered	Assessed Fee
1 Garbage Roll Cart	\$14.00/month
Additional Roll Cart	\$7.50/month

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WATER & SEWER

Water Connection Fee

1. A **Water Connection Service Charge of \$3,000** per residential unit, or equivalent residential unit, or any fraction thereof shall be paid prior to connection of any service line to the City's water system
2. The determination of water consumption for the purpose of determining the number of equivalent residential units shall be based on the Water Use Standards contained below.

Sewer Connection Fee

1. A **Sewer Connection Service Charge of \$12,500** per residential unit, or equivalent residential unit, or any fraction thereof shall be paid prior to connection of any service line to the City's sewer system
2. The determination of sewer consumption for the purpose of determining the number of equivalent residential units shall be based on the Water Use Standards contained below.

Water Use Standards

1. The standards in the table below shall be used in determination of water consumption for the purpose of determining the number of equivalent residential units. If the table does not provide information for a particular application, the estimated water consumption shall be as calculated by the City Engineer.

1 Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) = 300 gallons per day

Water and Sewer Deposits

Type of Structure	User Fees
Residential - Owner	\$150.00 = \$125.00 deposit + \$25.00 admin fee
Residential - Tenant	\$175.00 = \$150.00 deposit + \$25.00 admin fee
Residential - Multi-Unit	\$200.00+ = \$200.00 deposit + \$25.00 admin fee x # of units
Residential - Garbage Only	\$50.00 = \$25.00 deposit + \$25.00 admin fee
Commercial - Single-Unit	\$175.00 = \$150.00 deposit + \$25.00 admin fee
Commercial - Multi-Unit	\$175.00+ = \$150.00 deposit + \$25.00 admin fee x # of units
Hydrant Meter	\$1000.00 = \$975.00 deposit + \$25.00 admin fee

Water and Sewer Fees

Service/Equipment Rendered	Assessed Fee
Tap Fees	
Standard Residential Water Tap (no bore)	\$850.00
Standard Residential Sewer Tap (no bore)	\$850.00
Bore	Cost Determined at Time of Request
Meter Fees	
Standard Residential 3/4 or 5/8	\$800.00
1 Inch	\$1,050.00
1.5 Inch*	\$1,100.00
2 Inch*	\$1,150.00
3 Inch*	\$3,000.00
4 Inch*	\$4,000.00
6 Inch*	\$6,000.00
8 Inch*	\$7,000.00
10 Inch*	\$10,000.00
Irrigation Meter Fee (3/4 inch or 5/8 inch)	\$800.00
Meter Box Lid Replacement (3/4 inch or 5/8 inch)	\$40.00
Meter Tamper Fee	\$75.00
Meter Diagnostic - Usage Report Review (No Malfunction Found)**	\$25.00
Meter Diagnostic - Bucket Test (No Malfunction Found)**	\$15.00
Meter Diagnostic - Meet On-Site (No Malfunction Found)	\$25.00
*Meter Box/Vault to be provided by the contractor/customer.	
**One diagnostic per calendar year, per account, at no charge.	
Delinquent Account Late Charge	10% of Current Balance Owed
Water/Sewer Disconnection Administration Fee	\$50.00
Paper Bill Fee (E-Bill Available at \$0 Charge)	\$3.00/printed utility bill
<i>Paper Bill Fee Exemption Available for customers born on or before 1/1/1965 - See front desk for exemption application.</i>	

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Water Usage

Type of Structure

Apartment, One Bedroom
 Apartment, Two Bedrooms
 Apartment, Three Bedrooms
 Automotive Repair Shops/Tire Shops
 Banks
 Assembly Hall/Event Venue
 Barber Shop/Beauty Parlor
 Boarding/Rooming House**
 Bowling Alley

Water Usage in Gallons Per Day

100 per apartment
 150 per apartment
 300 per apartment
 60 per bay
 30 per 200 sq. ft.
 5 per max occupancy
 125 per chair + 20 per employee
 100 per room
 5 per max occupancy

Carwash

1. Wand Wash
 2. Hand Wash
 3. Automated
 Church without Daycare or Kindergarten
 Correctional Institution/Prison
 Country Club, Recreation Facilities Only
 Dental
 Dormitories
 Drug Store

125 per bay
 500 per stall
 7000 per site
 5 per seat
 200 per inmate
 25 per member
 100 per chair + 20 per employee
 150 per room
 700 per store

Food Service Establishments w/ Restrooms and Kitchen

1. Restaurant, less than 24-hrs per day operation
 2. Cafeteria, less than 24-hrs per day operation
 3. Restaurant, 24-hrs per day operation
 4. Drive-in Restaurant
 5. Carry-out Only

35 per seat + 20 per employee
 50 per seat + 20 per employee
 75 per seat + 20 per employee
 50 per car space + 20 per employee
 50 per 100 sq. ft. + 20 per employee

Funeral Home
 Grocery Stores
 Hospitals
 Hotel/Motel/Bed&Breakfast/Short Term Rental

10 per 100 sq. ft.
 20 per 100 sq. ft.
 300 per bed
 100 per room

Industrial/Warehouse

1. Without Process Water (Based on IBC Occupant Load Factors)
 a. Warehouse/Storage
 b. Factory
 c. Business(Office)
 d. Mercantile/Assembly
 2. With Process Water

.02 x Sq.Ft.
 .10 x Sq. Ft.
 .07 x Sq. Ft.
 .17 x Sq. Ft.
 Engineer to provide estimate

Laundry, Self Service
 Laundry, Commercial
 Nail Salons
 Nursing Home**
 Office
 Physician/Dental/Medical Office
 Retail Space including Parking

150 per machine
 1,000 per machine
 50 per chair
 150 per bed
 30 per 200 sq. ft.
 200 per exam room
 10 per 100 sq. ft.

Schools/Daycare

1. Day, Restrooms and Cafeteria
 2. Day, Restrooms, Gym, and Cafeteria

20 per max occupancy
 25 per max occupancy
 120 per 100 sq. ft.

Seafood Market

Service Stations

1. Fuel and Oil Only
 2. Full Service
 3. Add for Kitchen
 Single Family Dwelling (Attached or Detached)
 Stadium
 Theatre

100 per pump
 300 + 100 per pump
 50 per 100 sq. ft.
 300 per dwelling
 2 per seat
 5 per seat

Travel Trailer Park

1. With Independent Water/Sewer Connection
 2. Without Independent Water/Sewer Connection

150 per site
 35 per site

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****Add 500 gallons per machine to amount indicated if laundry or dish washing machines are to be installed.**

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Water and Sewer User Fees

Type of Structure	FY2026 Fee	FY2025	Date of Last Increase	FY2027 Fees	FY2028 Fees
Water - Residential - Inside City					
1st Base (0-2,000) Multi-Unit = Base Rate x # of Units	14.95	13.00	3/1/2025	17.19	19.77
2nd 2,000-5,000	3.16	2.75	3/1/2025	3.64	4.18
3rd 5,000-20,000	4.03	3.50	3/1/2025	4.63	5.32
4th 20,000+	5.18	4.50	3/1/2025	5.95	6.84
Water - Residential - Outside City					
1st Base (0-2,000) Multi-Unit = Base Rate x # of Units	23.00	20.00	3/1/2025	26.45	30.42
2nd 2,000-5,000	3.74	3.25	3/1/2025	4.30	4.94
3rd 5,000-20,000	5.18	4.50	3/1/2025	5.95	6.84
4th 20,000+	6.61	5.75	3/1/2025	7.60	8.75
Water - Commercial/Industrial - Inside City					
1st Base (0-2,000) Multi-Unit = Base Rate x # of Units	14.95	13.00	3/1/2025	17.19	19.77
2nd 2,000-5,000	3.16	2.75	3/1/2025	3.64	4.18
3rd 5,000-20,000	4.03	3.50	3/1/2025	4.63	5.32
4th 20,000+	5.18	4.50	3/1/2025	5.95	6.84
Water - Commercial/Industrial - Outside City					
1st Base (0-2,000) Multi-Unit = Base Rate x # of Units	23.00	20.00	3/1/2025	26.45	30.42
2nd 2,000-5,000	3.74	3.25	3/1/2025	4.30	4.94
3rd 5,000-20,000	5.18	4.50	3/1/2025	5.95	6.84
4th 20,000+	6.61	5.75	3/1/2025	7.60	8.75
Water - Dedicated Fire Line					
1st Base (0-2,000)	20.00	20.00	3/1/2025		
2nd 2,000+	4.00	4.00	3/1/2025		
Sewer - Residential - Inside City					
1st Base (0-2,000) Multi-Unit = Base Rate x # of Units	23.00	20.00	3/1/2025	26.45	30.42
2nd 2,000-20,000	4.89	4.25	3/1/2025	5.62	6.46
3rd 20,000-50,000	4.89	4.25	3/1/2025	5.62	6.46
4th 50,000+	4.89	4.25	3/1/2025	5.62	6.46
Sewer - Residential - Outside City					
1st Base (0-2,000) Multi-Unit = Base Rate x # of Units	43.70	38.00	3/1/2025	50.26	57.79
2nd 2,000-20,000	6.04	5.25	3/1/2025	6.94	7.98
3rd 20,000-50,000	6.04	5.25	3/1/2025	6.94	7.98
4th 50,000+	6.04	5.25	3/1/2025	6.94	7.98
Sewer - Commercial/Industrial - Inside City					
1st Base (0-2,000) Multi-Unit = Base Rate x # of Units	23.00	20.00	3/1/2025	26.45	30.42
2nd 2,000-20,000	4.89	4.25	3/1/2025	5.62	6.46
3rd 20,000-50,000	5.38	4.25	3/1/2025	6.18	7.11
4th 50,000+	5.91	4.25	3/1/2025	6.80	7.82
Sewer - Commercial/Industrial - Outside City					
1st Base (0-2,000) Multi-Unit = Base Rate x # of Units	43.70	38.00	3/1/2025	50.26	57.79
2nd 2,000-20,000	6.04	5.25	3/1/2025	6.94	7.98
3rd 20,000-50,000	6.61	5.75	3/1/2025	7.60	8.75
4th 50,000+	7.19	6.25	3/1/2025	8.27	9.51