

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Amendment to Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Beverages

DATE: February 8, 2021

☒ **RECOMMENDATION**

☐ **POLICY DISCUSSION**

BUDGET INFORMATION:

☐ **STATUS REPORT**

ANNUAL- N/A

☐ **OTHER**

CAPITAL- N/A

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: January 11, 2021 (First Reading)
February 15, 2021 (Second Reading)

PURPOSE: Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Beverages is proposed to be amended since it was not clear that wholesale distributors are required to pay excise taxes on distilled spirits (liquor). Wholesale distributors are also required to be licensed by Habersham County to deliver in the county.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY: Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Beverages governs the sales of alcohol in Habersham County.

1. Chapter 6 was amended to allow distilled spirit sales for on site consumption (restaurants) in 2016 but the section pertaining to excise taxes is not clear.
 2. The excise taxes collected by the county are forwarded to the Habersham County Board of Education. The county collects the taxes for the entirety of the county including the cities.
 3. A provision in Chapter 6 requires all wholesale distributors, even those located outside of the county, to acquire a business license to deliver in Habersham County. However, no fee structure was ever adopted.
 4. The County Attorney revised Section 6-52 to clarify the tax amounts of malt beverages to levy. Section 6-223 was also revised to further define how malt beverage excise taxes will be levied.
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FACTS AND ISSUES: The proposed amendment to Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Beverages clarifies the requirements on excise taxes.

- a. When distilled spirits sales by the drink were approved in 2016, it wasn't clear the amount of excise taxes to be paid by wholesale distributors. The proposed amendment clearly states an amount equal to \$0.22 per liter will now be paid.
 - b. When Chapter 6 was originally written in there was a provision that wholesale distributors are required to acquire pay a local business fee but the amount was never determined.
 - c. The proposed amendment clarifies the reporting and pay requirements. Each wholesale distributor is required to file a report and pay to the Finance Department by the tenth day of each month for all sales made in the previous month. Failure to timely pay will result in a penalty of 10% of the excise tax amount of \$200 whichever is greater.
 - d. A flat business license fee of \$150.00 is recommended to be paid by out of county wholesale distributors. A wholesale distributor located within Habersham County (none currently) will be required to pay the business license fees as set forth by the Board of Commissioners.
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OPTIONS:

1. Approval of the proposed amendment
 2. Denial of proposed amendment
 3. Commission defined alternative
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RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION: I motion to approve the amendment to Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Beverages.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by: Mike Beecham

Director _____

**ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMENTS:**

_____ **DATE:** _____

County Manager

FIRST READING: 2021

PUBLISHED: 2021

PASSED: 2021

HABERSHAM COUNTY GEORGIA

STATE OF GEORGIA

AN AMENDMENT TO AMEND ARTICLE I [ENTITLED “GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS”] OF CHAPTER 6 [ENTITLED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES”] OF THE HABERSHAM COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS “THE CODE” TO PROVIDE FOR A DEFINITION OF “DISTILLED SPIRITS” IN SEC. 6-2 [ENTITLED “DEFINITIONS”] CONSISTENT WITH ITS DEFINITION IN O.C.G.A. SECTION 3-1-2; TO AMEND ARTICLE II [ENTITLED “MALT BEVERAGES AND WINE-ORIGINAL PACKAGE”] OF CHAPTER 6 [ENTITLED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES”] OF THE CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RE-TITLING SAID ARTICLE AS “MALT BEVERAGES, WINE-ORIGINAL PACKAGE, AND DISTILLED SPIRITS OR SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS”; TO AMEND ARTICLE II [ENTITLED “MALT BEVERAGES AND WINE-ORIGINAL PACKAGE AND DISTILLED SPIRITS AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS”] OF CHAPTER 6 [ENTITLED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES”] OF THE CODE TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 6-52 TO UPDATE TAX RATES; TO AMEND ARTICLE II [ENTITLED “MALT BEVERAGES, WINE-ORIGINAL PACKAGE, AND DISTILLED SPIRITS OR SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS”] OF CHAPTER 6 [ENTITLED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES”] OF THE CODE TO CREATE SECTION 6-58 TO BE ENTITLED “EXCISE TAX ON THE SALE OF DISTILLED SPIRITS OR SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS”] TO PROVIDE FOR AUTHORIZATION TO LEVY AN EXCISE TAX FOR DISTILLED SPIRITS OR SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS IMPOSED PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. SECTION 3-4-80; TO AMEND SECTION 6-133 [ENTITLED “EXCISE TAX”] OF ARTICLE III [ENTITLED “ON PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES”] OF CHAPTER 6 [ENTITLED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES”] OF THE CODE TO PROVIDE FOR DUE DATES REGARDING EXCISE TAXES; TO AMEND SECTION 6-222 [ENTITLED “LICENSE FEES”] OF ARTICLE V [ENTITLED “WHOLESALE”] OF

CHAPTER 6 [ENTITLED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES”] OF THE CODE TO PROVIDE FOR BUSINESS LICENSE FEES FOR WHOLESALERS OF ALCOHOLC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE AND DISTILLED SPIRITS AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS; TO AMEND SECTION 6-223 [ENTITLED “EXCISE TAXES”] OF ARTICLE V [ENTITLED “WHOLESALERS”] OF CHAPTER 6 [ENTITLED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES”] OF THE CODE TO PROVIDE FOR EXCISE TAXES ON THE WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION OF DISTILLED SPIRITS AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

NOW, THEREFORE, THE HABERSHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ORDAINS AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME as follows:

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Article I [entitled “General Rules and Regulations”} of Chapter 6 [entitled “Alcoholic Beverages”] of the Habersham County Code of Ordinances (hereinafter referred to as “the Code”) is hereby amended by deleting the definition of “Distilled spirits” in Sec.6-2 [entitled “Definitions”] and substituting in lieu thereof the following definition consistent with its definition in O.C.G.A. Section 3-1-2:

"Distilled spirits" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by distillation or containing more than 24 percent alcohol by volume.

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Article II [entitled “Malt Beverages and Wine-Original Package”] of Chapter 6 [entitled “Alcoholic Beverages”] of the Habersham County Code of Ordinances (hereinafter referred to as “the Code”) is hereby amended by deleting the title of said article and re-titling said Article II as “Malt Beverages, Wine – Original Package and Distilled Spirits and Spirituous Liquors”.

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Article II [entitled “Malt Beverages and Wine-Original Package and Distilled Spirits and Spirituous Liquors”] of Chapter 6 [entitled “Alcoholic Beverages”] of the Code is amended by creating a new Section 6-52 to read as follows:

Sec. 6-52 – Excise tax on the sale of beer and malt beverages.

- (1) The county, in addition to excise taxes levied by the state, does hereby levy a local tax on the sale of beer and malt beverages of \$0.05 per 12 ounces and a

proportionate tax at the same rate on all fractional parts of 12 ounces sold by wholesalers to retail package outlets in the county. Further, there is also levied by the county an excise tax on tap or draft beer of \$6.00 per each container sold by wholesalers to retail package outlets in the county and containing not more than 15½ gallons and a like rate for fractional parts where the draft beer is sold in or from barrel or bulk containers. Where malt beverages are sold in or from a barrel or bulk container sold containing more than 15½ gallons but not more than 31 gallons, an excise tax of \$10.00 on each container and a proportionate tax at the same rate on all fractional parts of 31 gallons. Said tax is imposed upon wholesalers and is payable on a monthly basis as set out under section 6-223 hereof.

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Article II [entitled “Malt Beverages and Wine-Original Package and Distilled Spirits and Spirituous Liquors”] of Chapter 6 [entitled “Alcoholic Beverages”] of the Code is amended by creating a new Section 6-58 to read as follows:

Sec. 6-58. – Excise tax on the sale of distilled spirits and spirituous liquors.

There is hereby levied an excise tax at a rate of \$0.22 per liter on distilled spirits or spirituous liquors sold by every wholesaler to retail outlets in the county and a proportionate tax at the same rate on all fractional parts of a liter. Said tax is imposed upon wholesalers and is payable on a monthly basis as set out under Sec. 6-223 hereof.

Secs. 6-59 – 6-130 are reserved.

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Subsections (3), (4) and (5) of Sec. 6-133 [entitled “Excise Tax”] of Article III [entitled “On Premises Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages”] of Chapter 6 [entitled “Alcoholic Beverages”] of the Code are hereby amended to provide that the monthly due date for all required returns and remittiturs shall be on the tenth day of each month.

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Sec. 6-222 [entitled “License Fees”] of Article V [entitled “Wholesalers”] of Chapter 6 [entitled “Alcoholic Beverages”] of the Code is deleted in its entirety and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

Sec. 6-222. – License fees.

A wholesaler of alcoholic beverages sold in the county whose principal place of business is in the county shall pay to the planning and development director the annual license fees (business license and occupational taxes) as set forth in the schedule of fees adopted annually by the board of commissioners pursuant to Sec. 28-1 of the Code for the distribution of beer, wine and distilled spirits and spirituous liquors.

A wholesaler dealer who is licensed to do business in more than one municipality or county of the State of Georgia and whose principal place of business is not in Habersham County shall pay to the planning and development director an annual business license fee in the amount as set forth in the schedule of fees adopted annually by the board of commissioners pursuant to Sec. 28-1 of the Habersham Code for the distribution of beer, wine and distilled spirits and spirituous liquors. Said license fees are payable at the time of application for a license or renewal thereof.

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Sec. 6-223 [entitled "Excise Taxes"] of Article V [entitled "Wholesalers"] of Chapter 6 [entitled "Alcoholic Beverages"] of the Code is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

Sec. 6-223. – Payment of excise taxes.

All wholesale dealers engaged in the wholesale distributions of alcoholic beverages to retail outlets in this county shall pay to the county finance department excise taxes follows:

- (2) Wine: An amount equal to \$0.22 per liter of wine sold to retail licensees and a proportionate tax at the same rate on all fractional parts of a liter.
- (3) Malted beverages:
 - (a) 12-ounce containers: An amount equal to \$0.05 per 12 ounces of malt beverages sold to retail licensees and a proportionate tax at the same rate on all fractional parts of 12 ounces.
 - (b) 15½-gallon containers: An amount equal to \$6.00 for each container of beer sold to retail licensees containing not more than 15 ½ gallons and a like rate for fractional parts where the draught beer is sold in or from said barrel or bulk container.
 - (c) 31-gallon containers: An amount equal to \$10.00 for each container of beer sold to retail licensees containing more than 15 ½ gallons but not more than 31 gallons and a proportionate tax at the same rate on all fractional parts of 31 gallons.
- (4) Distilled spirits or spirituous liquor: An amount equal to \$0.22 per liter of distilled spirits or spirituous liquors sold to retail licensees and a proportionate tax at the same rate on all fractional parts of a liter.

Each licensee responsible for the payment of the excise tax set forth herein shall file a report with payment with the county finance department within the time required but no later than the tenth day of each month for all sales made during the previous month. Failure to do so shall result in a payment penalty of ten percent of the excise tax amount due or \$200.00 whichever is greater. Said penalty shall be submitted with the late payment.

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All ordinances or parts of ordinances of Habersham County, Georgia in conflict with this ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed in their portions so in conflict. Provided, however, that it is not the intent of this ordinance to repeal or affect any federal laws, laws of the State of Georgia or any ordinance of Habersham County adopted as a requirement of a state law in which case the most restrictive requirement shall control.

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The within ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption hereof.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Chairperson
Habersham County Board of Commissioners
Habersham County, Georgia

Lindsay Underwood
County Clerk
Habersham County, Georgia

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE HABERSHAM COUNTY FEE SCHEDULE
PURSUANT TO THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF SAID FEE SCHEDULE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 28-01 OF THE
HABERSHAM COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Habersham County, Georgia are required to review its Schedule for Fees annually in accordance with the requirements of Section 28-01 of the Habersham County Code; and

WHEREAS, County staff and the Board of Commissioners have conducted a review for reasonableness of said fees and have determined that changes are required to the schedule of fees as is necessary as required by Section 28-01 of the Habersham County Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for Habersham County, Georgia that it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same as follows:

Upon motion, second and approval of the Commission, the Schedule of Fees attached hereto is adopted as the Fee Schedule for the Habersham County Board of Commissioners, effective upon passage of the within resolution, and shall remain in effect until revised or amended in accordance with Section 28-01 of the Habersham County Code. A copy of the within schedule shall be maintained at the County's Administration Building by the County Clerk and shall be made available on the website to the public, or upon request thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners for Habersham County, Georgia this _____ day of _____ 2021.

BY: _____
Chairman

The above Resolution was adopted by the Habersham County Board of Commissioners on this _____ day of _____ 2021.

ATTEST: _____
Lindsay Underwood, County Clerk



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Board of Commissioners Fee Schedule

Adopted July 16th, 2018
Amended June 26th, 2019
Amended June 24th, 2020
Amended December 21st, 2020
Amended February 15th, 2021

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Chapter 2. Administration

Article IV. Finance

As necessary, the Finance Department, through the issuance of credit card machines, may reach an agreement on a credit card convenience fee to be charged for departments using credit card machines to accept payment. Said convenience fees shall be established in this schedule as follows:

Parks and Recreation Department	3% of the total purchase amount
Planning and Development Department	3% of the total purchase amount

This excludes departments that use third-party administrators (such as websites) to accept credit card payments. Third-party administrators may charge credit card convenience fees at their own rates, and therefore, those fees are not established herein.

Article V. Public Records

The Records Management Officer may charge fees as stated by O.C.G.A. Section 50-18-71, et, seq. including a 0.10 cent per page charge for each page of records requested to have copied. In addition, a fee for record retrieval may be charged at the lowest hourly rate of the employee capable of pulling the records, with the first 15 minutes being free.

Type of Media	Fee
CD/DVD Disc	\$1.00
Flash Drive (16 GB)	\$7.00
Flash Drive (32 GB)	\$9.00

Chapter 6. Alcoholic Beverages

Article II. Malt Beverage and Wine-Original Package

Sec. 6-51. License Fees

Schedule Investigative Fee	\$300.00
Beer only License Fee	\$750.00
Wine only License Fee	\$750.00
Beer/Wine Package Sales License Fee	\$1,500.00
Beer/Wine On-Premises License Fee	\$1,500.00
Beer/Wine/Distilled Spirits On-Premises License Fee	\$3,000.00
Farm Wineries	\$750.00
Sign Fee	\$50.00
Temporary License	\$50.00 per day issued

Applications After July of Each Year	Reduced to ½ of the Annual License Fee
Wholesale Distribution License Fee	\$150.00

Chapter 10. Animals

The Habersham County Animal Shelter will assess the following fees for services rendered to attempt to offset some of the costs of operation. Only the Habersham County Animal Care & Control Director can change or cancel fees.

Adoption Fees

All Animals	\$110.00
All Cat Adoptions Include	Spay/Neuter, Rabies Vaccination, Microchip, Deworming, FVRCP Vaccination, FeLV/FIV Combo test, 30 days accidental pet insurance
All Dog Adoptions Include	Spay/Neuter, Rabies Vaccination, Microchip, DHLPP Vaccine, Bordetella Vaccine, Heartworm Test, Microchip, Deworming, 30 days accidental pet insurance

Reclaim Fees

With Current Rabies Vaccination (Proof Required)	\$50.00
Without Current Rabies Vaccination	\$50.00(reclaim) + \$15.00(rabies vaccination) = \$65.00

Surrender Fees

Owner Surrender of Dog	\$50.00
Owner Surrender of Cat	\$50.00
Owner Surrender of Litter (Cat Or Dog, Under 3 Months Old)	\$50.00

Please note that the Habersham County Animal Care and Control Department may also charge a fee for boarding if an animal is being held for evidence, quarantine, or if the animal is not picked up within a reasonable number of days after it is eligible for release. The Boarding Fee is \$10.00 per day, per animal.

Animal Care and Control also microchips and registers animals for a fee of \$25.00.

Chapter 14. Buildings and Building Regulations

Article III. Permits

Residential Permit Fee Schedule

(One and Two-Family Dwellings and Townhouses three stories or less)

Residential Plans Review

Estimated Construction Cost	Fee
Up to \$250,000	\$50.00
Over \$250,000	\$50.00 plus 0.00025 of the estimated cost

Residential Building Permit Fees

Estimated Construction Cost	Fee
\$1,000 and less	A minimum fee of \$25.00 shall be charged.
\$1,001 to \$50,000	

	\$25.00 for the first \$1,000 plus \$4.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof up to and including \$50,000
\$50,001 to \$150,000	\$221.00 for the first \$50,000 plus \$3.50 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof up to and including \$150,000
\$150,001 to \$500,000	\$571.00 for the first \$150,000 plus \$3.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof up to and including \$500,000.
\$500,001 and up	\$1,621.00 for the first \$500,000 plus \$2.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.

The County reserves the right to require a detailed breakdown of cost should the submitted valuation be less than seventy-five percent (75%) of total valuation calculated using the most recent International Code Council Square Foot Construction Cost Table.

When the valuation of the proposed construction of commercial buildings or multi-family dwellings exceeds one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and a plan is required to be submitted by the International Building Code, the Georgia State Building Code or local ordinance, a plan review fee shall be required. Said plan review fee shall be that which is published in the fee schedule adopted by the Governing Body of Habersham County. Such plan review fee is in addition to the building permit fee.

Electrical Permit Fees (with no building permit)

Temporary Service (job pole)	\$25.00
New Electrical Service/Upgrade/Change-out	Up to 200 Amps \$30.00
	Over 200 Amps \$30.00 plus \$0.10 per amp
Branch Circuits/Remodeling/Addition	\$1.50 per (Breaker) Circuit

Plumbing Permit Fees (with no building permit)

New Fixture Installation/Addition/Remodeling	Up to 3 fixtures	\$25.00
	More than 3 fixtures	\$25.00 plus \$6.00 per fixture

Mechanical Permit Fees (with no building permit)

Air Conditioning (1 Ton = 12,000 BTUs)

Adding Duct to Existing HVAC System/Remodeling	\$25.00	
New AC System Installation/Change-out	Up to 20,000 BTUs	\$25.00
	More than 20,000 BTUs	\$25.00 plus \$0.0015 per BTU

Fuel Gas Permit Fees (with no mechanical permit)

*Installing New Fuel Gas Piping	\$25.00 plus \$2.00 per drop
*Adding to existing piping system	\$25.00

*One free drop per new gas appliance permitted.

Manufactured/Mobile Homes

Single Wide Manufactured/Mobile Home Installation	\$125.00
Double Wide Manufactured/Mobile Home Installation	\$200.00

Additional Service Fees

Site Visits (By Request)	\$25.00
Change of Contractor During Construction	\$25.00
Re-Inspection Fee for 1 st Time Not Ready	\$50.00
Re-inspection Fee for 2 nd Trip	\$100.00
Re-inspection Fee for 3 rd Trip	\$200.00

Swimming Pool

Private	\$75.00
Public	\$100.00

Agricultural/Farm Building Permits*

Farm Buildings	200 to 1000 square feet	\$25.00
Farm Buildings	1001 to 5000 square feet	\$25.00 for first 1000 plus \$0.02 per square foot up to and including 5,000 square feet
Farm Buildings	Over 5000 square feet	\$85.00 plus \$0.015 per square foot over 5,000

*Agricultural use only.

Residential Demolition Permits

Residential Demolition	Flat Fee	\$50.00 per dwelling
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Penalties

Double fee for work started before permit/s is issued for project.
Double fee plus permit fee for work started before permit application is filed.

Commercial Fee Schedule (Multi-Family Dwellings and all Non-Residential Structures)

Commercial Plans Review

0 to \$250,000 total construction cost	\$150.00
\$250,001 to \$2,000,000	\$150.00 plus 0.0006 per \$1.00 of construction cost up to \$2,000,000.
Over \$2,000,000	\$1,025.00 plus 0.0003 of the estimated cost over \$2,000,000

Commercial Building Permit Fees

\$1,000 and less	A minimum fee of \$30.00 shall be charged.
\$1,001 to \$150,000	\$30.00 for the first \$1,000.00 plus \$5.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$150,000.00.
\$150,001 to \$500,000	\$775.00 for the first \$150,000.00 plus \$4.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof to and including \$500,000.00.
\$500,001 to \$1,500,000	\$2,175.00 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$2.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof to and including \$1,500,000.00.
\$1,500,001 and up	\$4,175.00 for the first \$1,500,000.00 plus \$1.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.

The County reserves the right to require a detailed breakdown of cost should the submitted valuation be less than seventy-five percent (75%) of total valuation calculated using the most recent International Code Council Square Foot Construction Cost Table.

When the valuation of the proposed construction of commercial buildings or multi-family dwellings exceeds one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and a plan is required to be submitted by the International Building Code, the Georgia State Building Code or local ordinance, a plan review fee shall be required. Said plan review fee shall be that which is published in the fee schedule adopted by the Governing Body of Habersham County. Such plan review fee is in addition to the building permit fee.

Electrical Permit Fees

Temporary Service (job pole)		\$30.00
New Electrical Service/Upgrade/ Service Change Out	Up to 200 Amps	\$30.00
	More than 200 Amps	\$30.00 plus \$0.15 per amp
New Branch Circuits/Breakers		\$3.00 per Circuit (breaker)

Plumbing Permit Fees

New Fixture Installation/ Remodeling/Addition	Up to 3 fixtures	\$30.00
	More than 3 fixtures	\$30.00 plus \$8.00 per fixture

Mechanical Permit Fees (1 Ton = 12,000 BTUs)

Adding duct to Existing HVAC System		\$30.00
AC/Heat pump System Installation	Up to 50,000 BTUs	\$30.00
	50,001 thru 250,000 BTUs	\$30.00 plus \$0.0005 per BTU
	More than 250,001 BTUs	\$130.00 plus \$0.00025 per BTU

Commercial Kitchen Hood

Kitchen Hood Installation	Up to 10 Square feet	\$30.00
	Over 10 square feet	\$2.50 per square foot

Fuel Burning Appliance

*New fuel gas appliance	Equipment up to 50,000 BTUs	\$30.00
	50,001 thru 250,000 BTUs	\$30.00 plus \$0.0005 per BTU
	More than 250,000 BTUs	\$130.00 plus \$0.00025 per BTU

*One free drop per new appliance installed

Fuel Gas Permit Fees (with no building permit)

*Installing New Gas Piping		\$30.00 plus \$3.00 per drop
*Adding to existing piping system		\$30.00
*One free drop per new appliance installed		

Modular Non-Residential Unit

DCA Approved Modular Unit Installation	Use Building Permit Fee Table
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Sign Permits

Minimum	\$50.00
Sign Face	\$1.50 per sq. ft.

Farm Building Permits

Farm Buildings	200 - 1000 square feet	\$25.00
Farm Buildings	1001 – 5000 square feet	\$25.00 for first 1,000 plus \$0.015 per square foot up to and including 5,000 square feet
Farm Buildings	Over 5,000 square feet	\$85.00 plus \$0.02 per square foot over 5,000

Commercial Demolition Permits

Commercial Demolition	Flat Fee	\$100.00 per building
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Driveway Access Permit

Residential	\$50.00
Commercial	\$100.00

Additional Service Fees

Site visits by request	\$25.00
Change of contractor during construction	\$25.00
Re-Inspection Fee for 1st time (not ready)	\$50.00
Re-inspection Fee for 2nd trip (corrections not made)	\$100.00
Re-inspection Fee for 3rd trip (corrections not made)	\$200.00

Penalties

Double fee for work started before permit/s is issued for project.
Double fee plus permit fee for work started before permit application is filed.

Chapter 18. Business Taxation, Licensing, and Regulation

Article I. Business Occupation Tax

Sec. 18-4. Administrative Fee and Regulatory Fee Structure; Tax Structure

(a) A non-prorated, non-refundable administrative fee of \$25.00 shall be required on all business occupation tax accounts for the initial start-up, renewal, or reopening of those accounts.

Sec. 18-5. Occupation tax levied; amount

Number of Employees	Fee	Administrative Cost	Total Due**
0-5	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$75.00
6-10	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$125.00
11-15	\$150.00	\$25.00	\$175.00
16-30	\$200.00	\$25.00	\$225.00
31-50	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$325.00
51-more	\$400.00	\$25.00	\$425.00

*A regulatory fee of \$25.00 is required of businesses governed by O.C.G.A. 48-13-9.

*A late fee of \$6.00 per month shall be assessed on the first of each month beginning with February.

Chapter 42. Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions

Article III. Motion Picture, Television, and Photographic Production

Sec. 42-51. - Motion picture, television, and photographic production ordinance.

(h) *Fees and costs of additional services.*

(1) Each application shall be accompanied by the following non-refundable fees:

- a. A processing fee in the amount of \$150.00 will be submitted to the county at the time of application.
- b. Upon approval of an application for a county filming permit, the county manager shall provide the applicant with a statement of estimated cost of providing law enforcement, public works and other county employees and services for public safety for the production. The cost of such services shall be paid to the county prior to the conducting of a production. The amount of such fees shall be based on the county's actual cost of providing the required number of law enforcement officers and other county employees and services necessary to ensure the safety of both the participants of the production and the community.
- c. If the actual cost of public services for the production is less than the estimated cost pursuant to subsection b., the permittee shall promptly be refunded the difference by the county. If the actual cost for public services is more than the estimated cost pursuant to subsection b. the difference shall become due and payable to the county immediately upon the permittee's receipt of a statement of actual costs by the county.
- d. All fees may be waived by the county manager for wholly charitable or educational purposes and from which no profit is derived, either directly or indirectly. Tax exempt and nonprofit organizations must qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and proof of such status must be provided to the county in order for said fees to be waived by the county.

Chapter 54. Solid Waste

Sec. 54-3. - Disposal fee.

- a. A fee as set forth in the schedule of fees and charges shall be charged for all solid waste brought into the landfill for disposal, except as otherwise provided in this section.
- b. A container will be provided at the landfill scales for automobiles which do not otherwise have to enter the landfill disposal site. A maximum of six bags may be deposited from a single automobile into the container without charge. Only bagged household garbage will be allowed in the container.
- c. Municipalities, commercial haulers, contractors, industries and individuals desiring to do so will be billed on a monthly basis, with a due date of the 15th of each month. An additional charge of 1½ percent will be added to all accounts not paid by the 15th of the month after the charges are incurred. For all accounts not paid within 30 days following the due date, such person will not be allowed to dispose of waste in the landfill until satisfactory arrangements are made for payment.

Minimum charge	\$8.00
Price per ton	\$45.00
Car tires	\$6.00 for the first tire \$5.00 for each additional tire
Truck tires (tractor trailer/dump truck)	\$10.00 each
Tractor tires (farm tractor)	\$15.00 each

Yard Trimmings Collection Fee (Applicable for Yard Trimmings Received at the Cornelia Recycle Center) Approved by the Board of Commissioners on December 16, 2019	\$8.00
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Habersham County Planning and Development
GIS Layer (On CD or DVD and in GA State Plane Coordinates) Fees

2005 Imagery by Tile	\$50.00
2009 Imagery by same Tile Scheme Tile	\$50.00
2013 Imagery by same Tile Scheme Tile	\$50.00
2015 Imagery by same Tile Scheme Tile	\$50.00
Tax Parcel Layer, line and parcel ID only	\$2,500.00
Road Centerline layer with Road Name and Address Ranges	\$500.00
Land Lot Layer	\$500.00
Stream & Waterbody Layers	\$500.00
City Limits Layer	\$50.00
Other GIS Layers as Requested and Approved by Staff	\$500.00

LiDAR Data 2 ft. or 5 ft. TOPO (Contours) (2005, 2009, or 2013 Imagery)

One Acre Minimum	\$ Per/Acre
1 to 10 acres	\$100/acre
Each additional acre after the first 10 acres	\$10/additional acre
2015 LIDAR Panels	\$130.00
Contour Panels	\$50.00

Line Maps

17" x 24"	\$6.00
24" x 24"	\$8.00
24" x 36"	\$12.00
36" x 50"	\$25.00
Non-standard sizes	\$0.015 per square inch

Line Maps with Color

17" x 24"	\$8.00
24" x 24"	\$12.00
24" x 36"	\$18.00
36" X 50"	\$36.00
48"X72"	\$75.00
Non-standard sizes	\$0.0225 per square inch

Aerial Maps

17" x 24"	\$11.00
24" x 24"	\$16.00
24" x 36"	\$24.00
36" x 50"	\$50.00
Non-standard sizes	\$0.0275 per square inch

Aerial Maps with Layer(s)

17" x 24"	\$14.00
24" x 24"	\$20.00
24" x 36"	\$30.00
36" x 50"	\$60.00
Non-standard sizes	\$0.035 per square inch

Plats

Digital copy on customer CDRW	\$2.00
Digital copy + CDRW	\$4.00
Digital copy + CDRW and Printed copy	\$6.00

Wide Format Copies

17" x 24"	\$2.00
24" x 24"	\$3.00
24" x 36"	\$4.00
30" x 42"	\$6.00
36" x 50"	\$9.00
Non-standard sizes	\$0.005 per square inch

Habersham County Planning and Development Department Fee Schedule

Public Hearing

Conditional Use and Variance Application		\$200.00
Map Amendment Application	0 to 10 acres	\$200.00
	Over 10.1 acres	\$200.00 plus \$15.00 per acre

Plans and Plat Review

Preliminary Subdivision Plat	\$150.00 plus \$20.00 per lot
Final Subdivision Plat	\$75.00 plus \$5.00 per lot
Civil Plan Review	\$25.00 per acre (\$25.00 min)

Erosion and Sedimentation

Land Disturbance Permit and Review	0 to 10 acres	\$20.00 per acre
	Over 10.1 acres	\$200.00 plus \$10.00 per acre
	Maximum fee of \$1,000.00	
Linear Project	0 to 100 feet, \$20.00 plus 0.25 per foot over 100	
Utility Encroachment	0 to 100 feet, \$20.00 plus 0.25 per foot over 100	
Re-inspection Fee	1 st return trip \$50.00	
	2 nd and successive return trip \$100.00	
Preconstruction Consultation	\$100.00 minimum or \$10.00 per lot	

Habersham County Parks and Recreation Aquatics/Gym Usage Fees

	Habersham County Resident	Out of County Resident
Daily Rate Per Person	\$4	\$6
Daily Rate Per Family (3-6 people in same household)	\$12	\$18
Monthly Pass Per Person	\$30	\$38
Monthly Pass Per Family (3-6 people in same household)	\$55	\$69
90-Day Pass Per Person	\$80	\$106
90-Day Pass Per Family (3-6 people in same household)	\$155	\$200
Annual Pass Per Person	\$255	\$399
Annual Pass Per Family (3-6 people in same household) *	\$595	\$756
* Annual Family Memberships will receive an additional 10% off Registration/Rental Fees with the Recreation Department		
11 Visit Punch-Pass	\$40	\$60
No refunds allowed. All memberships or daily passes are complete once payment is finalized.		
County Employees receive a 20% discount on all program registrations and rentals.		

Habersham County Parks and Recreation Pool Party Rates

Habersham County Resident	Out of County Resident
\$75.00	\$112.50
Parties include a room for 2 hours and 10 swim passes.	
Parties are available weekdays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., 11:00am-1:00pm, or 1:00pm-3:00pm	
Additional swimmers (past 10, included in package) are \$4.00 in county/\$6.00 out of county per person.	
County Employees receive a 20% discount on all program registrations and rentals.	

Habersham County Parks and Recreation Facility Rental Rates

Facility	Deposit	Resident Rate	Non-Resident Rate	Non-Profit Rate
Ballfield - Daytime - Hourly	\$100	\$20	\$20	\$20
Ballfield - Lighted - Hourly	\$100	\$35	\$35	\$35
Ballfield - Per Field - Daily	\$100	\$150	\$175	\$150
Shelter - Full (160 Seats) 4 Hours	\$100	\$60	\$75	\$48
Shelter - Full (160 Seats) Daily	\$100	\$100	\$125	\$80
Shelter - Half (80 Seats) 4 Hours	\$100	\$40	\$50	\$32
Shelter - Half (80 Seats) Daily	\$100	\$75	\$94	\$60
Tennis Court (deposit required only for full-day rentals)	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$10
Tennis Court - Lighted - Hourly	N/A	\$20	\$20	\$20
Pool - Hourly (add \$15/hr. for Lifeguards, 1:20 ratio)	\$100	\$100	\$125	\$80
Sanctioned Swim Meet (1-150 swimmers) (add \$15/hr. for Lifeguards, \$15/hr. for room)	\$100	\$300	\$450	N/A
Sanctioned Swim Meet (151-250 swimmers) (add \$15/hr. for Lifeguards, \$15/hr. for room)	\$100	\$500	\$750	N/A
Sanctioned Swim Meet (251-500 swimmers) (add \$15/hr. for Lifeguards, and \$30/hr. for two rooms (resident) or \$40/hr. for two rooms (non-residents))	\$100	\$1,000	\$1,500	N/A
Aquatic Center Gym - Full Court - Hourly	\$100	\$40	\$50	\$40
Aquatic Center Gym - Half Court - Hourly	\$100	\$25	\$31.25	\$20
Activity Meeting Room- 1 Hour	\$100	\$25	\$31.25	Free
Activity Meeting Room- 2 Hours	\$100	\$40	\$50	\$32
Activity Meeting Room - 3 Hours	\$100	\$50	\$62.50	\$40
Activity Meeting Room - Additional Hours	N/A	\$10	\$12.50	\$8
Large Meeting Room - 1 Hour	\$100	\$40	\$50	Free
Large Meeting Room - 2 Hours	\$100	\$70	\$90	\$56
Large Meeting Room - 3 Hours	\$100	\$90	\$120	\$72
Large Meeting Room - Additional Hours	N/A	\$30	\$40	\$24
Optional Field Game-Prep Per Event	N/A	\$30	\$30	\$34

Optional Room Setup Per Event	N/A	\$30	\$30	\$34
Event Staffing Per Person/Hour (required for events with more than 200 participants)	N/A	\$15	\$15	\$15
Staffing Per Person/Hour (mandatory for non-operating hours)	N/A	\$15	\$15	\$15
County Employees receive a 20% discount on all program registrations and rentals.				

Facility	Resident Rate		Non-Resident Rate		Non-Profit Fees	
	Daily Fee	Refund	Daily Fee	Refund	Daily Fee	Refund
Dewey H. Tench Market Building/Pavilion	\$350	\$300	\$437.50	\$300	\$280	\$150
Otis Stonecypher Livestock Pavilion & Barn	\$250	\$200	\$312.50	\$200	\$200	\$100
Horse Arena	\$250	\$200	\$312.50	\$200	\$200	\$100
Concession Stand	\$100		\$125		\$80	
Set-Up Fee	\$150		\$187.50		\$120	
Pulverizing Fee Per Day	\$75		\$75		\$75	
Law Enforcement Per Officer/Hr. (if required)	\$25		\$25		\$25	
Event Staff Per Person/Hr. (if required)	\$15		\$15		\$15	
After Hours Fees/Hr. (before 9am/after 11pm)	\$15		\$18.75		\$12	
County Employees receive a 20% discount on all program registrations and rentals.						

Habersham County Parks and Recreation Athletic Programs Fees

Program, Age Groups	Registration Fee	Notes
Tackle Football (Ages 5-13)	\$125.00	Includes jersey, pants, and helmet decals.
Cheerleading (Ages 5-13)	\$115.00	Includes top, bottoms, bloomers, and pompoms.
Fall Basketball (Ages 4-6)	\$85.00	Includes jersey and shorts.
Winter Basketball (Ages 7-18)	\$95.00	Includes jersey and shorts.
Spring Basketball (Ages 5-6)	\$85.00	Includes jersey and shorts.
Spring Basketball (Ages 7-18)	\$95.00	Includes jersey and shorts.
Track & Field (Ages 7-14)	\$95.00	Includes jersey and shorts.
Girls Volleyball (Ages 8-18)	\$95.00	Includes jersey and shorts.
No refunds allowed. All registrations are complete once payment is finalized.		
County Employees receive a 20% discount on all program registrations and rentals.		
There is a \$5 multi-child discount for families registering more than one child during the same season.		
Non-resident fee is registration fee + additional 50% for up to two participants in household.		

Habersham County Gymnastics Program Fees

Class, Age Group	6-Week Session	5-Week Session	4-Week Session
Tumble Tots (Co-ed, Ages 2-3)	\$65.00	\$55.00	\$45.00
Little Twisters (Co-ed, Ages 4-5)	\$65.00	\$55.00	\$45.00
Novice (Ages 6+)	\$80.00	\$70.00	\$55.00
Intermediate (Ages 6+)	\$80.00	\$70.00	\$65.00
Advanced (Ages 6+)	\$100.00	\$85.00	\$55.00
No refunds allowed. All registrations are complete once payment is finalized. County Employees receive a 20% discount on all program registrations and rentals.			

Team Level	Monthly Tuition
Developmental 2	\$85.00
Pre-Team/Level 1	\$120.00
Level 2	\$150.00
Level 3	\$170.00
Level 4+	\$185.00
No refunds allowed. All registrations are complete once payment is finalized. County Employees receive a 20% discount on all program registrations and rentals.	

Cheer Camp	\$50.00 Per Week
Summer Camp Registration Fee (Full Week)	\$110.00 Per Week
Summer Camp (4 days)	\$95.00
Summer Camp (Half-Day)	\$15.00
Summer Camp (Single Day)	\$25.00
County Employees receive a 20% discount on all program registrations and rentals.	

Cheerleading Classes	Ages	6-Week Session	5-Week Session	4-Week Session
Beginner Cheerleading	6+	\$80.00	\$70.00	\$55.00
Intermediate Cheerleading	6+	\$80.00	\$70.00	\$55.00
Beginner Tumbling	6+	\$80.00	\$70.00	\$55.00
Intermediate/Advanced Tumbling	6+	\$80.00	\$70.00	\$55.00
Cheerleading Team Level 2		\$120 per month		
Cheerleading Team Level 3		\$150 per month		

Habersham County Senior Center

Facility Rental Fee	\$75.00
Equipment Room, Zumba, Chair Exercise, Tai Chi, Silver Sneakers, Yoga, Mental Balance, Gait Training	\$5 per class \$20 per month all access

Habersham County Emergency Services Department EMS Billing Fee Schedule

Procedure Code	Fee Schedule
A0425 – Mileage (Per Mile Charge)	\$15.00
A0426 – Advanced Life Support Non-Emergency	\$600.00
A0427 – Advanced Life Support Emergency	\$800.00
A0428 – Basic Life Support Non-Emergency	\$500.00
A0429 – Basic Life Support Emergency	\$700.00
A0433 – Advanced Life Support Level 2 Emergency	\$1,000.00
A0434 – Specialty Care Transport	\$1,500.00

Habersham County Emergency Services Department Automatic/All Hazards Fee Schedule*

*Only applicable to Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Alto approved by the Board of Commissioners on July 30, 2018.

Fee Schedules are for the following apparatus, based on hourly cost.

A: Unit per/hour charge

1. Engine cost per hour: \$100.00
2. Tanker cost per hour: \$100.00
3. Ladder Truck cost per hour: \$125.00
4. Battalion/Captain cost per hour: \$40.00
5. Medical Unit: \$100.00

B: Automatic Aid (Structure Fires) Fee Schedule

\$500 for initial response that will include the following apparatus on initial response:

1. 1 Engine (2 personnel-Engine 12)
2. 1 Tanker or 1 additional Engine depending on call and water accessibility (1 person)
3. 1 Battalion Chief (1 person)
4. 1 Battalion Captain (1 person)
5. 1 Med Unit (2 personnel)
6. Any additional apparatus needed will result in \$100.00 additional fee per unit, and subsequent per unit/hourly fee.

For personnel, the per hour rate in “A” above will be charged for every hour the unit/units are on scene in addition to the base charge of \$500.00.

C: All Hazards Fee Schedule for all other call types outside Automatic Aid for Structure Fires (Medical Calls, Public Assist, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Vehicle Fires, Power Lines Down, etc.)

1. \$100.00 per unit as call determines the need.
2. Hourly rate per apparatus as noted in “A” above, except for Med Unit as reason noted below. *

*This will not include the Med Unit responding to calls in the Alto area, only for Fire Apparatus responses to any type of call outside of structure fire responses. EMS response is provided County-wide.

Habersham County Transit Rate Schedule

All fares are based on mileage, and fares may vary depending on location. The rate is 60 cents per mile rounded to the nearest dollar. There is no minimum charge.

The fees below may be added to the rate:
\$2 for same-day rides
50 cents for each additional stop

Habersham County Airport

\$50- Hangar Waitlist Application Fee