

**HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to establish a Fee Schedule for Fire Apparatus Standby.

**DATE:** December 4, 2025

☒ ( X ) RECOMMENDATION

☐ ( ) POLICY DISCUSSION

**BUDGET INFORMATION:**

☐ ( ) STATUS REPORT

ANNUAL-

☐ ( ) OTHER

CAPITAL-

**COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON:** December 15, 2025

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**PURPOSE:** To gain approval from the Board of Commissioner for establishing a fee schedule for fire department apparatus and personnel being required at a permitted event.

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**BACKGROUND / HISTORY:**

- a. The minimum personnel required will be used to provide the “Fire Watch”. A fire watch is a period of time when a group of dedicated staff continually circulate through the affected area looking for signs of fire.
- b. Part of the watch includes notifying the fire department or other emergency response group and documenting when that notification occurs, as well as noting the times the rounds are conducted by the fire watch staff.
- c. This also includes the equipment required to mitigate any dangerous conditions.

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**FACTS AND ISSUES:**

- a. This fee schedule coincides with the Firework Ordinance requiring the permitting of public displays.
- b. Personnel will generally include at least 1 fire pumper, the brush truck and 1 Officer.

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**OPTIONS:**

- 1) Approve recommendation: Proceed with the of the Fee Schedule associated with the Fireworks Ordinance.
- 2) Deny recommendation: Not allowing for the adoption of the Fee Schedule associated with the Fireworks Ordinance.
- 3) Commission defined alternative:

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**RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION:**

Motion to approve the Fee Schedule associated with the Fireworks Ordinance to provide for personnel and equipment to be available and assigned to the Firewatch during and after a public display of Fireworks.

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**DEPARTMENT:**

Prepared by:

Jeffrey D. Adams

Director: \_\_

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**ADMINISTRATIVE  
COMMENTS:**\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

County Manager

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**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
HABERSHAM COUNTY TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR SERVICES  
PERFORMED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the State of Georgia, approved by the voters of the State in November 1982, and effective July 1, 1983, provides in Article IX, Section II, Paragraph I thereof, that the governing authority of the County may adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions, and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners did consider and adopt under a separate item on the same date herein a fireworks ordinance, which was codified as Section 30-45 through Section 30-51 of the Habersham County Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners desires to establish the fees that may be charged for the services provided by the Fire Department in connection with the fireworks ordinance, which fees may be amended from time to time by subsequent resolution of the Board of Commissioners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the fees established for services performed by the Fire Department for standby fire suppression and permit compliance are hereby established as stated in Exhibit “A”, attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.

Be it resolved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

**HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jimmy Tench, Chairman

[COUNTY SEAL]

Attest:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brandalin Carnes, County Clerk

**Exhibit A**

| <b><u>Personnel Fees:</u></b>                                                             | <b>Amount in<br/>U.S.<br/>Dollars</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Fire watch (per person, per hour)<br>(minimum charge of 1 hour)                           | 50.00                                 |
| Fire watch apparatus usage (per apparatus, per hour)<br>(minimum charge of 1 hour)        | 50.00                                 |
| Installation of apparatus staging (per apparatus, per hour)<br>(minimum charge of 1 hour) | 150.00                                |