

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE FOR ADMINISTRATION; BUILDING AND CODES DEPARTMENT; FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT; SANITATION DEPARTMENT AND UTILITY SUPPORT DEPARTMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Walterboro from time to time must review its fees and charges and make adjustments as necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the need to develop a comprehensive fee schedule for all City of Walterboro fees is necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the fees recommended by the Mayor and Walterboro City Council are as follows:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Walterboro, the following fees are adopted:

**CITY OF WALTERBORO COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Election Filing Fees:		
Council	\$254.60	
Mayor	\$509.24	
FOIA Fees		\$0.25 per page plus Employee Time
Certified Audio Recordings		\$20.00

**BUILDING AND CODES DEPARTMENT FEES:**

**BUILDING OR SIGN PERMITS TOTAL VALUATION**

Application Filing Fee	\$30.00	(Non-refundable)
\$1000 or less	No Fee, unless inspection is required in which case a \$15.00 fee for each inspection shall be charged.	
\$1,001 to \$50,000	\$15.00 for the first \$1,000.00 plus \$5.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.	
\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$260.00 for the first \$50,000 plus \$4.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.	
\$100,001 to \$500,000	\$460.00 for the first \$100,000 plus \$3.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.	
\$500,001 and up	\$1660.00 for the first \$500,000 plus \$2.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.	
Development Permit	\$30.00 filing and inspection fee.	
Demolition	\$50.00	
Plan Checking Fees	Shall be equal to ½ of the permit fee.	

**ELECTRICAL PERMITS**

Application Filing Fee	\$30.00	(Non-refundable)
New or Upgrade Services	\$.25 per amp	
Additional or Alterations	\$30.00	
Temp Pole/Trailer Pole/Signs	\$30.00	(No filling fee)

**GAS PERMITS**

Application Filing Fee	\$30.00	(Non-refundable)
One to Four Outlets	\$10.00	

Each Additional Outlet	\$2.00	
One Unit (burner, furnace)	\$5.00	
Each Additional	\$1.00	
<b>MECHANICAL PERMITS</b>		
Application Filing Fee	\$30.00	(Non-refundable)
Heating, Ventilating, Duke	\$10.00 for the first \$1,000 of value and \$2.00 for each additional \$1,000 of value or fraction thereof.	
Boiler	33,000 BTU (1BHP) to 165,000 (5 BHP) -	\$5.00
Based on BTU input:	165,000 BTU (5 BHP) to 330,000 (10 BHP) -	\$10.00
	330,001 BTU (10 BHP) to 1,165,000 (52 BHP) -	\$15.00
	1,165,001 BTU (52 BHP) to 3,300,000 (98BHP) -	\$20.00
	Over 3,300,000 BTU -	\$25.00

**PLUMBING PERMITS**

Application Filing Fee	\$30.00	(Non-refundable)
Each Plumbing Fixture	\$3.50	
Each house sewer (new/repair)	\$6.00	
Each cesspool	\$6.00	
Each septic tank/seepage tank or drain field	\$6.00	
Each water heater and/or vent	\$3.50	
For installation or alteration or repair of water Piping and/or water treating equipment	\$6.00	
For repair or alteration of drainage or vent piping	\$6.00	
For vacuum breakers or backflow protection devices		
One to five each	\$3.50	
Over five each	\$2.00	

Grease Trap Inspections	\$20.00
All Re-inspections	\$30.00
Permit Renewal	½ permit fee

**ZONING CODE SERVICES & FEES**

Residential Zoning Compliance	\$20.00	
Commercial Zoning Compliance	\$50.00	
Zoning Compliance Letter	\$25.00	
Flood Zone Letter	\$25.00	
*Zoning Administrative Appeal	\$100.00*	* (refundable if BZA determines that appeal was made necessary because of a mistake of the city and the appeal is granted)
Construction Appeals	\$100.00	
Zoning Variance Application	\$100.00	
Special Exception Application	\$100.00	
Rezoning	\$100.00	
Preliminary Plat Review	\$50.00 min/\$10.00 per lot	
Final Plat Review	\$20.00 min/\$10.00 per lot	

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT FEES:**

Accommodations Taxes	See Ordinance 2006-17
Business License Taxes	See Ordinance 2001-06
Hospitality Taxes	See Ordinance 2006-08
Audit/Budge Preprinted Book Fee	\$15.00
Returned Check Fee	\$25.00
Setoff Debt Collection Fee	\$25.00

**PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT FEES:**

**Administrative Fees:**

Incident / Accident Reports \$5.00 (per report)

**False Alarm Fees:**

\$100 for answering each false alarm in excess of two (2) within a seven (7) day period or eleven (11) in any calendar year at any one address.

**Vehicle for Hire**

Application \$100  
Inspection \$25/per vehicle

**Police Officer – Security Services**

\$25.00 per hour 2/Hr Minimum. (If workers compensation is not provided additional \$10.00 per officer)

**SANITATION DEPARTMENT FEES:**

**GARBAGE**

Residential Rate \$13.00  
Commercial rollout \$23.18  
Dumpster – 1 pickup/wk \$190.58  
Extra pickups on dumpster \$24.86  
Sharing dumpster \$95.28

**UTILITY SUPPORT DEPARTMENT:**

**WATER**

**Minimum Charges (Bi-Monthly Billing)**

<u>Service</u>	<u>In-City</u>	<u>Out-of City</u>
¾" Residential	\$18.36	\$38.02
¾" Commercial	\$23.59	\$49.53
1" Residential	\$28.33	\$69.34
1" Commercial	\$33.02	\$79.28
1 ¼" Residential	\$37.74	\$89.16
1 ¼" Commercial	\$42.46	\$99.06
1 ½" Residential	\$44.80	\$106.48
1 ½" Commercial	\$49.54	\$116.40
2" Residential	\$77.84	\$190.68
2" Commercial	\$82.55	\$200.60
3" Residential	\$148.59	\$373.92
3" Commercial	\$153.30	\$383.80
4" Residential	\$290.07	\$740.36
4" Commercial	\$294.79	\$750.26
6" Residential	\$573.05	\$1470.78
6" Commercial	\$599.00	\$1480.70
8" Residential	\$1139.00	\$2931.67
8" Commercial	\$1143.72	\$2941.58

**Usage Rates**

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>In-City</u>	<u>Out-of City</u>
First 6,000	Included in Minimum Charge	
Next 34,000	\$1.22	\$2.45
Next 160,000	\$1.11	\$2.22
All over 160,000	\$1.01	\$2.01

**Water Tap Fees**

Service Size	In-City	Out-of City
¾" Service	\$510.00	\$1020.00
1" Service	\$528.00	\$1056.00
1 ½" Service	\$649.00	\$1298.00
2" Service	\$2011.00	\$4022.00
Over 2" Service	Cost plus 20%	

**SEWER**

**Usage Rates – Per Thousand**

In-City	Out-of City
\$3.53	\$6.70

**Sewer Tap Fees**

	In-City	Out-of-City	
Residential	\$326.00	\$652.00	
Restaurant	\$3278.00	\$6556.00	
Motel/Apartment	\$1311.00	\$2622.00	1 <sup>st</sup> unit
	\$78.75	\$157.50	each additional
Business	\$652.00	\$1304.00	

**Administrative**

Late Fee	\$10.00
Cut-off/on charge	\$30.00
Water meter removal/replacement	\$50.00
Deposit	\$50.00
Service Fee	\$5.00

This ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2009.

**DONE**, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2009.

**CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA**

*Charles H. Sweat, Jr.*

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

*Betty J. Hudson*

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Municipal Clerk

First Reading: May 12, 2009

Public Hearing: June 2, 2009

Second Reading: June 2, 2009