



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2025 - 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Ed Moyer, Mayor Pro Tem
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilmember
Al Edwards, Councilmember
Jackie Palazzolo, Councilmember

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Ken Carson and Michal Norton, Police; Nathan Saylor, Fire; Todd Holbert, Fire.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**

Welcome

Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Invocation

Mayor Palmer gave the invocation.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

3. **Amendment or Approval of Proposed Agenda**

Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

4. **Amendment or Approval of Council Minutes**

Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of September 22, 2025. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Amendment or Approval of Special Called Minutes**

Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Called meeting of October 7, 2025. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

6. **Amendment or Approval of Executive Session Minutes**

Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of October 7, 2025. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

7. **Mayor's Comments**

- A. Mayor Palmer announced that advanced early voting for the November 4th General Election will begin on October 14th and end October 31st. Saturday early voting dates are October 18th and 25th.
- B. Mayor Palmer announced that downtown Calhoun merchants and businesses will host Trick or Treat in Downtown Calhoun on Friday, October 31st from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. Also, the City of Calhoun will observe Halloween on Friday, October 31st from 5:00pm to 9:00pm for ages 12 and under.

8. **Council Comments**

A. Councilmember Palazzolo submitted September reports as follows:

1) **Electric Department**

Current Electric Department Engineering and Construction:

- The LED Streetlight upgrade continues around the City.

ENGINEERING

New townhomes at Spring Valley (177 units)
 Chick-Fil-A remodel
 New development on Peters St (102 homes)

CONSTRUCTION

New field house and hitting facility at Calhoun High School
 Piedmont Street Pole Upgrades
 New townhomes on Newtown Rd (Ridgeview) (65 units)
 Salacoa Subdivision (249 units)
 Taco Bell on Red Bud Rd
 Continued system upgrades for new growth and system reliability

WORK ORDERS IN PROCESS OR COMPLETED:

• NEWLY CREATED	87
• COMPLETED AND CLOSED	81

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• CONSISTING OF:	
• CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION	26
• DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE	23
• OUTAGES / TROUBLE CALLS	6
• SECURITY / STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE	1
• TEMPORARY POWER HOOK UP	5
• WORK FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS	21
• NEW METER SETS	19
• METER MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT	104
• ELECTRIC LOCATE TICKETS PROCESSED-	303
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The City of Calhoun's Electrical load for SEPTEMBER 2025 is about 32.5 million kilowatt hours (kWh's).

2) Telecommunications

- Worked on backup and replication server updates.
- Worked on eDiscovery data (email and files) for Court Cases.
- Completed updates on our virtual server software.
- Ran updates on Core Firewall appliance.
- Ran update on Police Department Firewall appliance.
- Setup and installed 4 new laptops with 7 docking stations for all 3 fire stations.
- Installed and setup 1 new school phone.
- Made requested changes to School Phones.
- Troubleshooted and fixed School System Fax issue.
- Troubleshooted a number of customer's internet connections.
- Submitted 3 quotes for new dark fiber/internet customers.
- Setup and installed 6 new internet customers.
- Completed a number of 811 fiber locates.
- Opened 11 work orders and closed 8 work orders.

Geographic Information Systems

- Update Sewer data in GIS
- Court case data discovery
- Updated cemetery mapping data
- Generated Electric Usage Reports
- Updated data and mapping for the following:
 - Water system and meter updates
 - Fiber
 - Zoning
- Updated Physical addressing, building and billing information.
- Updated City and GIS web sites.

3) **Building Inspections**

Issued 131 permits for an estimated cost of \$5,076,182, collected \$39,687 in permit fees. This included 15 new residential, 2 residential remodel, 2 new commercial, 3 commercial remodel, 0 new industrial, 0 industrial remodel, 25 residential plumbing, 29 residential electrical, 16 residential HVAC, 4 commercial plumbing, 6 commercial electrical, 2 commercial HVAC, 0 industrial plumbing, and 1 industrial electrical. 348 total inspections.

4) **Library**

- There are 12,965 library card holders, 5,835 library visitors, and 7,594 total circulation.
- There were 330 story time attendance, 419 adult program attendance, 144 new users, 1,776 e-books, 2,757 audio books, 474 computer logins, and 9,090 Facebook visits.

B. Councilmember Edwards submitted September reports as follows:

1) **Water and Sewer Operations**

Water Treatment Plant

- Total gallons withdrawn: 375,290,000
- Daily average: 12,509,666
- Wells: 94,930,000
- Big Springs: 69,970,000
- % produced by Brittany Drive: 43.9%
 - Brittany Dr. daily production to capacity: 43.9%
 - Mauldin Rd. daily production to capacity: 46.58%
 - Rainfall for September – 4.09"

2) **Waste Water Treatment Plant**

- Treated a daily average of 4.722 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 3, average suspended effluent of 00, and an average COD of 58.

3) **Water Distribution & Wastewater Collection**

- 414 work orders completed, 39 new water connections, 37 water service leaks repaired, 24 water main leaks repaired, 13 water services changed to new main lines, 182 meter changes, 59 utility locates called in for work orders, 800 utility locates responses.
- 1,400 feet of Sanitary Sewer Services TV inspected, 573 utility locates completed, 17,700 feet sanitary sewer lines cleaned, 2 new sewer connections installed, 22 sanitary sewer connections installed by contractors, 1 sanitary sewer services repaired.

4) **Water and Sewer Construction**

- Brittany Dr & Water Booster Stations Standby Generator Project – This project consists of installing a stationary and portable generator at the Brittany Dr WTP for emergency standby power, and retrofitting 5 water booster stations to accept the portable generator when it isn't needed at

the plant. All components for this project have arrived, and construction is approximately 85% completed.

- Spring Valley Sewer Rehabilitation Project – This project consists of improving an older segment of our sewer system to reduce I&I and free up additional capacity of this sub-basin. The scope will include upgrading approx. 6,000' of sewer main from a 12 inch to 15 or 16 inches, which is dependent on the line material found in different segments. 1,500' was previously designed for 12". However, a change order was issued to upsize, ultimately providing a cost savings of \$55,409 by installing the new sewer line out of the roadway. This project is approximately 50% completed.
- GDOT SR 53 & Brown Lee Mtn. Water Relocation Project – This project consists of consolidating, relocating, and upsizing two different water lines to accommodate highway improvements near the intersection. Construction is near 50% completed.

Projects in Design & Development

- New Fire Tower Water Tank Project – Surveying has been completed and design is underway.
- Water Treatment Plant Modifications
- GDOT SR 156 @ Salacoa Bridge Water Relocation Project
- GDOT Project - Hwy 41 N @ CSX Bridge Water & Sewer Relocation
- Peters St. Phase III Water Relocation – Under preliminary review.
- Curtis Pkwy Water & Sewer Relocation – Right-of-way acquisition is currently underway. Material for this project has been ordered, and a large portion has been delivered.
- Engineering for Spring Valley Sewer Phase II Rehabilitation Project
- The Engineering Department is actively working on 6 plan reviews, along with 19 inspections of developments and projects that are progressively under construction.

C. Councilmember Denmon submitted September reports as follows:

1) **Public Works**

Street Department

- Completed 29 shop and 25 street dept. work orders.
- Installed 6 new street signs.
- Repaired utility cuts and potholes around town using 11 tons of asphalt.
- Repaired a storm drain on New Town Road.

Cemetery

- Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler cemetery.
- Supervised the opening and closing of 13 grave sites.
- Sold 12 new grave spaces.

Parks Department

- The grounds crew picked up litter, mowed, trimmed bushes, hauled garbage to the dump, and maintained records at records room.

- The maintenance crew maintained designated buildings downtown.
- Cleaned water fountains downtown.

Animal Control

- Housed 0 dogs and 0 cats
- Number of dogs adopted: 0
- Number of cats adopted: 0
- Number of dogs rescued: 0
- Number of cats rescued: 0
- Number of dogs reclaimed by owner: 0
- Number of cats reclaimed by owner: 0
- Number of dogs euthanized: 0
- Number of cats euthanized: 0
- Number of warnings given: 0
- Number of bite cases: 0
- Citations issued: 0

1) **Recreation Department**

- **FALL PROGRAMS:**

Youth Football – Games started on September 8. Thirty-three games were played at our facility throughout the month. Our teams have also traveled to Bartow Co., Cartersville and Gordon Co., recreation facilities to play games during the month.

Youth Soccer – Games started on September 8. One Hundred and seven games were played throughout the month.

Youth Volleyball – Games started on September 2. Twenty-nine matches were held in our facility during the month. Our 12u teams interleague with Gordon County. Our 14u team interleague with Summerville and LaFayette. Our teams also traveled to Sonoraville Recreation Complex, Summerville and LaFayette Recreation facilities for matches.

Cross Country – Our Cross-Country runners participated in 4 meets during September. We hosted 1 of these meets on September 27. Agencies participating in Cross Country were Dalton, Catoosa County, Whitfield Co and Calhoun.

Adult Fall Softball – Games started on September 16. There are 7 teams participating in the league. There were 17 games played during the month.

- **FACILITIES:**

The following facilities were reserved throughout the month for events:

Playground Pavilion: 11 events Ratner Pavilion: 10 events

Pool – 1 event

- **PARK MAINTENANCE:**

The following parks maintenance tasks were completed during the month:

- Tree limbs and general park clean up
- Mowed all parks weekly
- Prepared Calhoun High School softball field for games all home games including middle school games
- Turf maintenance on football field
- Groomed flower planters
- Groomed front entrance and grounds of tennis center
- Lay out and painted flag football field
- Repainted soccer fields and football field
- Prepped adult league softball fields
- Fire ant control

- **WEBSITE USAGE:**

CalhounRec.com	Facebook
2,138– Sessions	9,274 – Post Engagements
1,268– Users	20,000 – Reached
3,475 – Page Views	19 – Posts

- **UNITY RUN:** 4 staff members assisted with the Unity Run on September 24

- **TENNIS COURT USAGE:**

MAP Tennis – 28 participants
STA Fall Combo Leagues – 42 participants
Drills and Instruction – 30 participants

- **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

GRPA District Volleyball – 14u – November 1
Power Wheels Race – November 15
GRPA District Football – 8u – Date to be announced

** The Recreation Offices will be located at the Utilities Building beginning October 13. The Recreation Center will remain open to public for registration and practices until construction of new facility begins. **

2) **Downtown Development Authority**

Downtown Events & Programming

Oktoberfest:

Heavale Brewing Co. hosted its first-ever Oktoberfest with great success!

Attendance was estimated between 550–700 visitors, and owner Bobby Cheek reported over \$7,000 in sales for the day.

The DDA partnered with the Gordon County CVB to design and place a digital

billboard on I-75 promoting the event throughout the month leading up to it. Additional marketing included social media ads, digital ads with the Calhoun Times and Rome Tribune, and printed flyers distributed downtown. The event was also cross-promoted with the Fall Finale of the Downtown Calhoun Farmers Market. Oothcalooga Street proved to be an excellent event location, and we hope this success encourages more downtown businesses to host outdoor events in the future.

Rocktober Fest:

Scheduled for Saturday, October 11, from 12-8 pm, Rocktober Fest is here and we're ready! All downtown properties have been notified twice about the upcoming road closure on Hwy 41/Wall Street. We're coordinating with affected businesses such as Owens Florist and Homespun Hospice to ensure they maintain access throughout the day. In addition to live music and vendors, this year's event will also feature college football streaming. We are thrilled with the number of downtown businesses participating as street vendors (10 and counting), and we hope this level of engagement continues to grow with each major festival.

Trick or Treat on Main Street:

Set for Friday, October 31, from 4–6 p.m., this annual event invites all downtown businesses to participate by handing out candy. Kerry has generously offered to donate candy again this year, and the Calhoun-Gordon County Library will also join in the festivities.

Merry & Bright Weekend:

Planning is underway for our Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting and Open House. With numerous activities and promotions happening throughout downtown that weekend, we're developing a comprehensive marketing campaign to help drive strong foot traffic to local businesses and kick off the holiday season in a big way.

Downtown Calhoun Farmers Market Season Recap

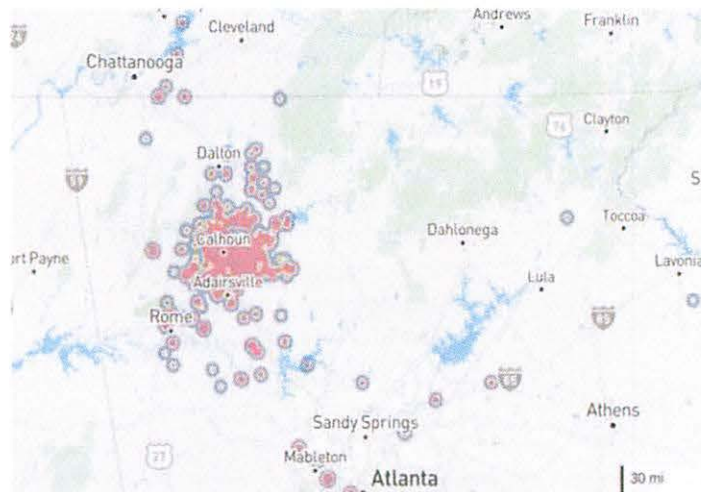
The Downtown Calhoun Farmers Market had an outstanding season, welcoming nearly 10,000 visitors, with 6,000–7,000 returning throughout the year. Visitors traveled from across the region (from Chattanooga to Atlanta and Rome to Dahlonega) but the most meaningful impact has been on our local economy and community connections.

The market has become a vibrant gathering space that supports our local farmers and strengthens downtown activity. Every participating farm reported plans to expand or adjust production next year based on this season's success. The market is also laying the groundwork for a stronger local food system, with the potential for downtown restaurants to begin sourcing locally grown products in the future. With continued investment and thoughtful planning, this could become one of Calhoun's signature community events, known region-wide.

Between Cartersville and Chattanooga, there is currently no regional farmers market with a strong identity beyond its local area. Calhoun has a unique opportunity to fill that gap, positioning our market as a regional destination and economic hub for local food and community engagement.

As the market grows, it has also highlighted the value of City Park as a central and well-loved public space. The park has proven to be an ideal location for the market, encouraging civic pride and increased use of public areas. Looking ahead, small improvements could make the space even more functional for the market and other community events. These include an additional access gate along Piedmont Street, paved vendor pathways from the two gates, and a redesigned layout for the parking lot and green space between Trammell Street.

City Park is already a wonderful community asset. With a few strategic updates, it can continue to meet our growing needs while enhancing Calhoun's reputation for lively, well-planned community spaces.



Heat Map of DCFM Visitors' Travel Area

Downtown Updates

New Business Opening:

A new business, Sew Happy Fabric & Crafts, will open later this month in the old Peacock Building (201 S. Wall Street). The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has approved the business's signage and awarded a small façade grant to assist with its installation. Owner Nicole Rousseau has worked diligently to ensure the space complements the building's historic character and plans to offer classes and community gatherings, creating a welcoming and creative addition to downtown.

Property Maintenance and Delinquent Taxes:

It has come to our attention that two vacant downtown properties are delinquent on property taxes—101 Court Street (the former Watch Shop) and 103 Court Street (the former TJ Office Supply). The City's property tax clerk has issued final notices to the owner of both buildings.

Building Activity on Court Street:

The opposite corner of Court Street is beginning to see positive movement. The DUI School is relocating into the adjacent space, and renovations for Pink Label are set to begin soon. The new property owner has expressed enthusiasm for supporting efforts to build a vibrant and thriving downtown.

D. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer submitted September reports as follows:

1) **Police Department**

- Made 299 cases with 10 DUI's
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$36,716
- Issued 323 warnings
- Investigated 67 highway accidents, 23 private property accidents
- Obstruction - 17
- Lethal Weapon Encounter - 2
- Alarm responses - 123
- Miles patrolled: 60,882

2) **Municipal Court**

- Citations from Police Department-206
- Court cases docketed- 300
- Probation cases assigned- 20
- Probation revocations- 3
- Bench warrants-6
- Failure to appear- 31

3) **Fire Department**

Suppression Division

- 215 Total Calls for Service to Include:
 - 5 – Fire Calls
 - 137 – Medical Calls
 - 11 – Hazardous Conditions Calls (No Fire)
 - 6 – Service Calls
 - 56 – False Alarms or False Calls
 - 0 – Severe Weather and Natural Disaster

Department Response Times

- Turnout Time – 1 minute 44 seconds
- Travel Time – 4 minutes 07 seconds
- Total Response Time – 5 minutes and 51 seconds

Department Events

- September 2nd, 2025 – Division Chief Saylor attended GEMA Grant Training
- September 6th, 2025 – Assisted with GBI Grand Opening Event
- September 6th, 2025 – Firefighter Richardson successfully obtained his GPSTC Acting Officer in Charge of the Fire Service Certification.
- September 6th, 2025 – Lieutenant Benton successfully obtained his GPSTC Introduction to Fire Inspections: Basic Principles and Practices Certification.
- September 8th, 2025 – Department began Advanced EMT Course with 5 personnel from Calhoun Fire Department and 5 Personnel from Gordon County Fire Rescue attending.
- September 9th, 2025 – Division Chief Saylor, Battalion Chief Green, and Battalion Chief Holbert attended the BATTIQ – Awareness and Response to Battery Emergencies Course.
- September 9th, 2025 – Engineer Oglesby attended the TIME TaskForce Traffic Incident Management Course.
- September 16th and 17th, 2025 – Hosted and Instructed the 3rd Quarter GSAR Training Event. We had over 60 personnel from various departments across Northwest Georgia in attendance.
- September 17th, 2025 – Division Chief Saylor attended the Area 6 EMA Meeting
- September 23rd, 2025 – 7 personnel assisted with medical coverage and traffic control at the 2025 Unity Run.

Inspections Division

- 88 – Total Monthly Inspections
- 90 – Citizens received Fire and Life Safety Education throughout the month

Training Division

- 956.79 Hours – Total Department Monthly Training Hours.
- 11755.60 Hours – Total Department Annual Training Hours.

September Upcoming Events

- October – Advanced EMT Class
- October – Fire Safety Education Month
- October – Fire Hydrant Maintenance and Testing throughout the City
- October 1st, 2025 – Georgia Firefighter Conference
- October 2nd, 2025 – Master Rappel Class
- October 8th, 2025 – Flood Flight Operations
- October 9th, 2025 – Assisting with Promotional Evaluations in Carroll County

- October 13th, 2025 – Level I Rope Class
- October 23rd, 2025 – NIMS ICS 400
- October 27th, 2025 – Transitional and Interpersonal Leadership Training

4) **Safety Committee**

City of Calhoun had an audit and inspection by Steve Shield, our local Government Risk Management Manager on September 11th. We had one incident to correct and cover cords from a desk. We have had only 9 workers comp cases this year. The City of Calhoun has been awarded an LGRMS safety grant of \$10,000.00 to purchase a gas detection meter for the Engineering Department and 5 AED's for the Police Department and public places.

- Vehicle accidents: 1 – Street Dept.
- Workers' compensation: 2 – Police Dept.

9. **Zoning Hearings and Comments**

Announce at this time, public hearings will be held. The public will have the opportunity to make pro and con comments with a ten minute maximum time limit for each side of the matter, with each person giving their name and address. An inquiry should be made to determine if any elected official has filed a disclosure statement regarding ownership or special interest in any of the agenda items. Zoning Land Use Maps on display in Council Chambers for Zoning Advisory Board and Council hearings.

- A. **WITHDRAWN:** Public hearing of a rear setback variance request of five feet, to vary from the required 20 foot setback to a 15 foot setback, for lots 1-22 on 9.57 acres at a location of 187 New Town Road, by David Fowler Construction, LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held October 9th.

10. **Other Hearings and Comments**

- A. Public hearing of a beer package request, at a location of 960 North Wall Street, by Belwood Investment USA LLC D/B/A Calhoun Food Mart. Mohammad Asif is the owner and will also serve as the store manager.
- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
 - City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
 - Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments.
 - There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning alcohol request.
 - Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the alcohol request. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

11. **Old Business**

12. New Business

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a zoning request from A-1 to R-1, for 0.57 acres at a location of 516 McDaniel Station Road, being parcel C29-187, by Brantley Farms LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held on November 6th and the public hearing on November 10th.
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a variance request of 65 feet, to vary from the required 100-foot property line setback to a 35-foot property line setback for a dual faced digital billboard to be 20 feet in height with a total face of 600 square feet (10X30 on each side), for 1.56 acres at a location of 200 Union Grove Road, being parcel C46-031, by Niraj Patel/First Family Group, LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held on November 6th and the public hearing on November 10th.
- C. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of an annexation and zoning request from county A-1 to Ind-G, for 10.635 acres at a location of 2429 US 41 Hwy, being a portion of parcel 047-001, with the 10.635 acres being parcel 047-002, by SDP Acquisitions, LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held on November 6th and the public hearing on November 10th.
- D. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a beer and wine package application at a location of 943 Highway 53 SE, by Arsh Surani, d/b/a Calhoun Shell 943 LLC. The proposed store manager is Linin Potamearambii. Eligible for a public hearing November 10th.
- E. Mayor Palmer read proposed changes to the General Government Fee Schedule Resolution, Section 14. G. Animal Control Fees, to increase boarding from \$5.00 to \$12.00 per day, and animal surrender fees from \$20.00 to \$50.00. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- F. Mayor Palmer read a request from the Purchasing Department to surplus a 2008 Ford F-250 that is no longer in use by the Sewer Construction Department. VIN: A50424 Mileage: 250,154. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the request. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- G. Mayor Palmer read a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (DHS) to update the City of Calhoun's profile record in the Georgia EM Grants Manager system, as a subgrantee under the DHS FEMA as authorized under Section 2002 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to update the profile record as requested. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- H. Manager change request by Circle K Stores Inc., at a location of 702 East Highway 53 SE. The prior manager was Natasha Kirby and the proposed new manager is Donna Allen. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the alcohol manager change request. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- I. Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning a Fleet Management Policy to establish guidelines for the operation and use of both city-owned and privately-owned vehicles while conducting official city business, ensuring proper control, accountability, and

compliance with city policies. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the policy. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

- J. Mayor Palmer read a request from Calhoun Police Department to use State Forfeiture Funds Account #1 to purchase graphics for the D.A.R.E ice cream van in the amount of \$850. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

13. Other Written Items Not on the Agenda

14. Work Reports

- A. Paul Worley, City Administrator, had nothing to report.
- B. Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator, had nothing to report.
- C. George Govignon, City Attorney, had nothing to report.

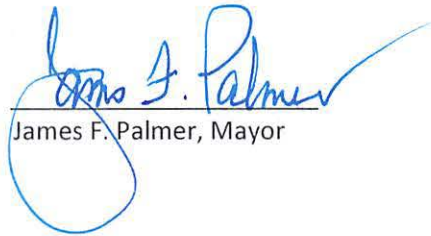
15. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

16. Motion to return to General Session

17. Motion to Adjourn

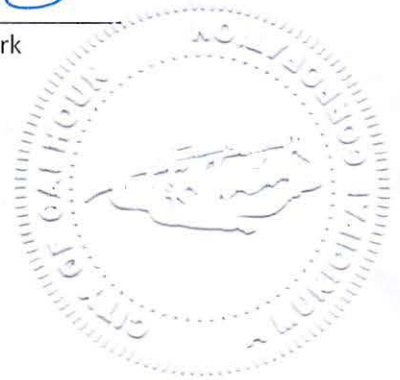
There being no other business to come before the Council, Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Sharon Nelson, City Clerk



**CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA
FEE SCHEDULE RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Calhoun has established a fee schedule in accordance with various ordinances;
and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the fee schedule from time to time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun hereby adopt the following fee schedules, effective **July 1, 2025** and continuing thereafter until amended.

REGULATORY FEES:

Total Valuation for Residential Construction is determined by \$125.00 x Square Footage

Unfinished Residential basements Total Valuation is determined by \$31.00 x Square Footage

1. **Building Permit Fees:**

a. **Residential – Single Family**

TOTAL VALUATION	FEE
\$1,000.00 or less	No fee unless inspection required, in which case a \$20.00 fee for each inspection shall be charged.
\$1,001.00 to \$2,000.00	\$35.00 per thousand or fraction thereof.
\$2,001.00 to \$15,000.00	\$35.00 for the first \$2,000.00, plus \$6.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$15,000.00.
\$15,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$110.00 for the first \$15,000.00, plus \$5.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00.
\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$260.00 for the first \$50,000.00, plus \$4.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00.
\$100,001.00 and up	\$425.00 for the first \$100,001.00 plus \$4.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.

b. **Residential – Multi-family**

TOTAL VALUATION	FEE
\$1,000.00 or less	No fee unless inspection required, in which case a \$30.00 fee for each inspection shall be charged.
\$1,001.00 to \$2,000.00	\$30.00 per thousand or fraction thereof.
\$2,001.00 to \$15,000.00	\$30.00 for the first \$2,000.00, plus \$7.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$15,000.00.

\$15,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$120.00 for the first \$15,000.00, plus \$7.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00.
\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$340.00 for the first \$50,000.00, plus \$7.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00.
\$100,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$670.00 for the first \$100,000.00, plus \$5.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00
\$500,001.00 and up	\$2,500.00 for the first \$500,000.00, plus \$4.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof

c. **Swimming Pools**

Residential pool permit fees are assessed at \$350.00.
Commercial pool permit fees are assessed at \$450.00.

d. **Commercial, Industrial and Signs**

Total Valuation for Commercial and Industrial New Construction is determined by \$100.00 x Square Footage

Total Valuation for Commercial and Industrial Remodel or Alteration within an existing building is determined \$100.00 x Square Footage

Signs: Total Valuation Determined by Estimated Cost

TOTAL VALUATION	FEE
\$1,000.00 or less	No fee unless inspection required, in which case a \$30.00 fee for each inspection shall be charged.
\$1,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$55.00 for the first \$1,000.00, plus \$7.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00.
\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$380.00 for the first \$50,000.00, plus \$5.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00.
\$100,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$600.00 for the first \$100,000.00, plus \$4.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00.
\$500,001.00 and up	\$1,950.00 for the first \$500,000.00, plus \$4.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.

e. Where work for which a permit is required by the International Building Code is started

or proceeded with prior to obtaining said permit, the fees herein specified shall be doubled, but the payment of such double fee shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirements of this code in the execution of the work, nor from any other penalties prescribed herein.

- f. **Plan-checking Fees:** When valuation of the proposed construction exceeds \$1,000.00 and a plan is required to be submitted, a plan-checking fee shall be paid to the Building Official at the time of submitting plans and specifications for checking. Said plan-checking fee shall be equal to thirty percent of the building permit fee.

Plat Review for Addressing Subdivisions: \$300.00

- g. Zoning Verification Letter Fee: \$25.00
- i. Telecommunications Tower Site Application Fee: \$5,000.00
- j. Zoning Variance Fee: \$150.00
- k. Zoning Change Request Fee: \$125.00
- l. Annexation Fees: \$125.00 fee for annexation and zoning change for tracts up to five acres that meet the criteria regarding boundary of existing city limit property. \$185.00 fee for annexation and zoning change for tracts more than five acres that meet the criteria regarding boundary of existing city limit property.

Engineering and inspections fees associated with utility construction and/or facilitating private developments with technical support will be assessed in accordance with the current edition of the Calhoun Utilities Development Policies & Specifications for Water & Sanitary Sewer. Reference online document for fee schedule (website link: Utilities Engineering | City of Calhoun, GA (cityofcalhoun-ga.com)).

2. **Grading Permit Fees:**

PERMIT TYPE	FEE
Residential	Minimum of \$110.00 up to 1 acre, plus additional acres at \$15.00 each.
Commercial/Industrial	Minimum of \$150.00 up to 1 acre, plus additional acres at \$25.00 each.

3. **Schedule of Soil and Sedimentation Fees:**

- a. Minimum of **\$125.00** for up to five acres.
- b. Additional acres at **\$20.00** each.
- c. NPDES Permit Notice of Intent Fees: An additional **\$40.00** per acre (for one acre or greater) ***Fee required per EPD***

4. **Schedule of Administrative Fees:**

Warnings and Offenses

- a. First offense will result in Notice to Comply Warning
- b. Administrative Fee

Administrative Fee and/or potential of a Stop Work Order, dependent on the severity of violation (minor or major).

Stop Work Orders

- a. First stop work order: **\$1,000.00**
- b. Second stop work order: **\$1,500.00**
- c. Third stop work order: **\$2,500.00**
- d. Fourth and subsequent Stop Work Order: **\$2,500.00**

Land Disturbance without Permit

- a. **\$500.00** for each violation

Construction Exit Violations (CO)
(Depth, Width, Length, Geo-Tech, etc.)

- a. First violation: **\$400.00**
- b. Second violation: **\$750.00**
- c. Third violation: **\$1,000.00**

Silt Fence Violations

- a. First violation: **\$350.00**
- b. Second violation: **\$500.00**
- c. Third violation: **\$750.00**

Stabilization Violations (DS):

- a. First violation: **\$400.00**
- b. Second violation: **\$600.00**
- c. Third violation: **\$800.00**

Dust Control Violations (DU):

- a. First violation: **\$100.00**
- b. Second violation: **\$250.00**
- c. Third violation: **\$500.00**

Slope Stabilization Violations (SS):

- a. First violation: **\$400.00**
- b. Second violation: **\$600.00**
- c. Third violation: **\$800.00**

Mud/Debris in Roadway:

- a. First violation: **\$500.00**

- b. Second violation: **\$650.00**
- c. Third violation: **\$800.00**

Sediment in Water Course Buffered Stream
(Streams, Creeks, Rivers, Ponds, Wetlands)

- a. Slight: **\$3,000.00**
- b. Moderate: **\$4,500.00**
- c. Severe: **\$7,000.00**

Sediment Onto Private Property

- a. Slight: **\$500.00**
- b. Moderate: **\$1,500.00**
- c. Severe: **\$2000.00**

Stamped/Approved Set of Plans Not On Site

- a. **\$500.00** for each violation

Failure to Have GSWCC Certification On Site

- a. First Offense: **\$500.00**
- b. Second Offense: **\$750.00**
- c. Third Offense: **\$1,000.00**

Failure to Maintain Erosion Control On Site

Includes Failure to Take Reasonable Measure, or Blatant Disregard of Inclement Weather

- a. Slight: **\$500.00**
- b. Moderate: **\$2,000.00**
- c. Severe: **\$3,000.00**

Failure to Follow Approved Plan

- a. **\$500.00** for each violation

If the violation(s) does not initially result in a Stop Work Order; failure to pay fee in specified time (by Inspector), but not to exceed seven days, non-compliance will result in one or more of the following steps until correction is made:

- a. Additional Fee (Double the violation fee)
- b. Withhold Inspections
- c. Withhold CO's for Buildings
- d. Stop Work Order on construction

Non-Compliance with any Administrative Fees:

- a. First violation: **\$500.00**
- b. Second violation: **\$1,000.00**
- c. Third violation: **\$1,200.00**

Accumulation of Rubbish or Garbage

(Trash/Debris on Jobsite) (Issued Per Lot in Residential)

- a. Slight: **\$200.00**
- b. Moderate: **\$325.00**
- c. Extreme: **\$450.00**

Discharge of Concrete in Unapproved Area (Not in Washout)

- a. First Offense: **\$250.00**
- b. Second Offense: **\$350.00**
- c. Third Offense: **\$450.00**

Administrative Fees - Construction

- a. Occupying building/residence prior to Certificate of Occupancy (CO) being issued
Residential- **\$500.00**
Commercial- **\$1,000.00**
- b. Working without proper permits and/or unlicensed work
Residential- **\$500.00 to \$1,000.00**
Commercial- **\$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00**
- c. Failure to comply with stop work order:
Residential- **\$500.00**
Commercial- **\$1,000.00**
- d. Building materials, dumpsters, etc. In roadway:
\$350.00 for each violation.
- e. Obstruction of road
\$150.00 per vehicle
*construction vehicles shall be on one side of roadway only
- f. Discharge of concrete in unapproved area (not in washout):
First offense- **\$250.00**
Second offense- **\$350.00**
Third offense- **\$450.00**

Discharge of Hazardous Material (Gas, Oil, Flammable):

\$2,500.00 minimum to **\$5,000.00** maximum

Chemical Spills:

\$2,500.00 minimum to **\$5,000.00** maximum

5. Schedule of Permit Fees for HVAC:

- a. **Commercial and Industrial HVAC:** same as building permit fees for commercial and industrial.

b. Residential HVAC - \$150.00

6. Schedule of Permit Fees for Residential Plumbing:

- a. Residential Plumbing - \$150.00
- b. Commercial and Industrial - \$200.00 plus \$10.00 for each plumbing fixture
- c. Additional Inspections - \$30.00
- d. Water Heater – \$35.00

7. Reinspection Fees:

- a. Reinspection fee for site revisit - \$35.00
 - i. 2nd visit, same item - \$45.00
 - ii. 3rd visit and up, same item - \$55.00

8. Fire Inspection Fees:

a. Tank Inspections:

TANK SIZE	FEE
0 to 500 gallons	\$61.00 per tank
501 to 1500 gallons	\$92.00 per tank
1501 to 5000 gallons	\$121.00 per tank
Over 5001 gallons	\$152.00 per tank
<i>Any required inspections over four per site would require an additional \$55.00 fee.</i>	

- b. Fuel Tank Removal Permit - \$121.00
- c. Fuel System Renovation or Repair (Line replacement or other major work) - \$121.00
- d. When a contractor is required to submit and have approval from the **State Fire Marshall's office**, the City will require a copy of the stamped and approved plans before the permit can be issued. In addition, a set of approved plans must be kept on site.
- e. Removal of Tanks – Inspection Required - \$61.00
- f. Commercial Burn Permit Fees - Burns are not authorized. However, developers may request permits if State EPD and Georgia Forestry requirements are met Burn Permit Fee: \$200
- g. Fire Permit Fee:
 - All commercial and industrial buildings up to 25,000 square feet: \$300.00.
 - All buildings 25,001 square feet or more shall pay 1.5 cent per square foot of building. (example: 50,000 square feet = \$750.00)
- h. Fire Inspections:
 - Annual Inspection – No Charge
 - First Follow-up – No Charge
 - Second Follow-up - \$50.00
 - All other Follow-ups - \$100.00

i. **Commercial and Industrial Sprinkler Permit**

TOTAL VALUATION	FEE
\$1,000.00 or less	No fee unless inspection required, in which case a \$61.00 fee for each inspection shall be charged.
\$1,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$61.00 for the first \$1,000.00, plus \$7.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00.
\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$358.00 for the first \$50,000.00, plus \$7.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00.
\$100,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$660.00 for the first \$100,000.00, plus \$7.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00.
\$500,001.00 and up	\$3,080.00 for the first \$500,000.00, plus \$7.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.

9. **Electrical Inspection Permit Fees:**

Fee	Amount	Notation
Administrative permit fee	\$15.00	(To be added to all permits)
Temporary connection fee	60.00	(For temporary service)
Re-inspection service fee	35.00	
Fee up to 100 amp service	100.00	(Plus administrative fee)
Fee for each 100 amp increment	50.00	(Plus administrative fee)

10. **Occupation Tax Schedule Based on Employees:**

Number of Employees	Price
1	\$ 75.00
2	148.00
3 to 5	275.00
6 to 9	500.00
10 to 19	825.00
20 to 29	1,100.00
30 to 49	1,250.00
50 to 99	1,650.00
100 to 199	2,070.00
200 to 399	2,800.00
400 to 499	3,165.00
500 to 750	3,900.00
Over 750	4,275.00

- a. The occupation tax shall be payable January 1st of each year. Should such occupation tax not be paid before April 1, an additional penalty of ten percent of the tax shall also be due.

- b. All occupation tax not paid before April 1st, will be assessed an administration fee of \$75.00.
- c. Site visits after April 1st by the Calhoun Code Enforcement Officer to collect payment of occupation tax will be assessed a \$75.00 fee per visit.

11. **Trash Pickup:**

a. **Commercial rates (cans or bags):**

Times per Week	Cost
1	\$19.20
2	\$27.45
5	\$51.65

- b. **Residential rates/Brush and debris pickup fee:** \$17.95 per month Residential Landfill Fee (Optional: \$9.95 per month “Extra Container Fee”)
- c. **Housing Authority:**
\$5.25 per month, based on shared containers.
- d. **Apartments** (more than 5 units) apartment owner to be billed for dumpster rental based on current rates.
Renters of apartments to be billed for pick up and disposal based on residential rates currently in force.
Apartments (less than 5 units) will be served with 95 gallon garbage containers and billed to renters based on current residential rates.

12. **Septic Waste Disposal Permit Fees:**

- a. \$75.00 maximum for 1,000 gallons.
- b. Disposal tickets required prior to dumping at wastewater treatment facility, dumping only under supervised/regulated conditions.
- c. Disposal tickets available for purchase at City Hall.

13. **Cemetery Fees and Purchase Price:**

- a. Cemetery spaces will be sold for \$600.00 per space (4' x 12') at Fain and Chandler Cemeteries for City of Calhoun residents, with \$400.00 to be applied to the Cemetery Trust Account, and nonresident spaces will be sold for \$1,000.00 per space with \$500.00 to be applied to the Cemetery Trust Account. Nonresident is defined as a person who does not live permanently within the corporate limits of the City of Calhoun.
- b. Chandler Cemetery columbarium spaces will be sold for \$600.00 per niche (approximate size 12" x 12" x 16" deep) for City of Calhoun residents, with \$400.00 to be applied to the Cemetery Trust Account, and nonresident spaces will be sold for \$1,000.00 per niche with \$500.00 to be applied to the Cemetery Trust Account.
 - 1) Each niche can hold up to two urns. A second opening/closing of each niche will pay a fee of \$300.00 for City of Calhoun residents and \$500.00 for nonresidents.
- c. Cremation cemetery spaces in the designated area adjacent to Anabel Lane in Fain Cemetery will be sold for \$400.00 per space (3' x 4') for City of Calhoun residents, with \$300.00 to be applied to the Cemetery Trust Account, and nonresident spaces will be sold for \$500.00 per space with \$300.00 to be applied to the Cemetery Trust Account. Nonresident is defined a person who does not live permanently within the corporate limits of the City of Calhoun.

- d. Flat headstones flush with the grass is the only allowable marker in this designated cremation area.
- e. Burial Deed shall be issued by the City, executed by the Mayor and Clerk for spaces when full purchase price has been paid.

14. Street Department Miscellaneous Fees:

- a. **Demolition of Condemned Property by City:** Cost plus 20%.
- b. **Installation of Storm Drainage:**
 - 1) Storm drainage will be installed on public right-of-way's only.
 - 2) Residential, Commercial, Industrial: Shall be done by licensed contractor subject to City specifications.
- c. **Utility Patching (City Streets):** A charge of \$160.00 per square yard for street patching due to damage by other utilities, developers, etc.
- d. **Sidewalk Patching:** Shall be contractor responsibility.
- e. **Sidewalk and Driveway Entrance:** Shall be done by licensed contractor subject to City specifications. Must obtain a permit from the City with a Permit fee of \$150.00. The permit fee covers the pre-inspections and post-inspection.
- f. **Inspections for Construction of New Roads:** \$300.00 inspection fee, which includes three site inspections to ensure road is built to City specifications. Each needed reinspection: \$100.00
- g. **Animal Control Fees:**
 - 1) Adoption Fee:
 - a) Animals that have to be spayed/neutered...\$60.00
 - b) Animals already spayed/neutered.....\$25.00
 - 2) Rabies Vaccination Certificate.....\$12.00
 - 3) Boarding..... \$12.00 per day
 - 4) Pickup fee..... \$25.00
 - 5) Animal surrender fee.....\$50.00
 - 6) Dog Spay/Neuter Certificate.....\$85.00
 - 7) Cat Spay/Neuter Certificate.....\$75.00
 - 8) Violations of code sections 14-42, 14-43, 14-44(e) and (f), 14-72, and 14-73, as defined in the Table of fines in Part II, Chapter 14, Section 14-83of the Calhoun Code of Ordinances:
 - a) Level I.....\$250.00
 - b) Level II.....\$500.00
 - c) Level III.....\$750.00

Violations of all other provisions of Chapter 14 of the Calhoun Code of ordinances:

 - a) Level I.....\$150.00
 - b) Level II.....\$300.00
 - c) Level III.....\$450.00

15. Downtown District Construction Dumpster Permit Requirements and Fees:

- a. At any one time a contractor may have only one dumpster on-street in front of, to the side of, or in the rear of the building where they are working.
- b. Dumpsters must be dropped or removed before 10:00 AM or after 3:00 PM.
- c. DDA Director or Code Enforcement Officer are the points of contact and are available to coordinate activities regarding material deliveries and contractor parking.
- d. No charge for the first two weeks of placement.
- e. \$90 charge for each additional two-week period.

16. Annual Alcoholic Beverage License Fees:

FEE TYPE	FEE
Beer Package	\$750.00
Beer Pouring	\$750.00
Brewery	\$500.00
Tap Room	\$500.00
Wine Package	\$750.00
Wine Pouring	\$750.00
Combination beer package & pouring at private club	\$1000.00
Liquor Package	\$5,000.00
Liquor Pouring	\$1,500.00
Wine/Beer Tasting	\$250.00
Wine/Beer Off-Premise Catering	\$100.00
Limited Consumption on Premise-Complimentary Beer/Wine	\$250.00
Catering Per Event Permit	\$50.00
Multi-Purpose Theatre Per Event Permit	\$25.00
Outdoor Special Event Per Event Permit	\$100.00
Processing Fee per Alcohol Type	\$100.00
Fingerprinting Fee	\$28.00
Identification Cards	\$30.00
GCIC Processing Fee	\$43.25
Transfer of Alcohol Location	\$100.00
Manager Change Application Fee	\$50.00

REGULATORY LICENSE FEES

17. Amusements and Entertainments

a. Adult Entertainment Establishments

- 1) At the time of submitting an adult entertainment establishment application, there will be a nonrefundable fee payable in cash or by certified check in the amount of \$300.00 to defray, in part, the cost of investigation and reports required by Chapter 10- Amusements and Entertainments of the Calhoun Code of Ordinances.
- 2) There shall be an annual regulatory fee for each adult entertainment establishment licensed within the City in the amount of \$1,500.00 if the adult entertainment establishment application meets all requirements of Chapter 10- Amusements and Entertainments.

b. Entertainment Club License

- 1) It is unlawful for any person to own, lease, operate, manage or maintain an entertainment club in the City of Calhoun without first obtaining an entertainment club license from the City in accordance with Chapter 10- Amusements and Entertainments of the Calhoun Code of Ordinances.
- 2) Payment of a fee of \$1,000.00 for the initial license, of which \$750.00 will be refunded if the license application is denied.

18. Circuses, Carnivals and Public Exhibitions:

- a. **Definitions:** as used in this division, the following terms shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them:
 - 1) **Carnival:** Amusement activities, rides, merry-go-rounds, booths for the conduct of games of skill, food dispensing and sideshows.
 - 2) **Public Exhibition:** Circuses, menageries, sideshows, and other similar itinerant amusement enterprises which are open to the public and for admission to which fee is charged.
- b. **License Required:** No person shall conduct or operate a circus, carnival, or public exhibition without having first obtained a license from the City Clerk.
- c. **License Fees:** The business license fee imposed on each circus, carnival, or public exhibition operating within the City shall be \$200.00 for one inspection by police, fire, and electrical inspectors. Additional inspections will be \$75.00 for each separate inspection.
- d. **Conditions of Issuance:** No license under this division shall be issued until the following conditions have been met:
 - 1) The operator and sponsor of the circus, carnival, or public exhibition have each assumed full responsibility for maintaining order and for keeping the site clean and free of trash, papers, and other debris, and have placed trash containers in adequate number and in convenient locations for the use of the public;
 - 2) The premises have been inspected by police, fire and electrical inspectors of the City and operators have exhibited a State license indicating compliance with State regulations.
 - 3) The applicant has placed on file with the City Clerk, one or more certificates of insurance indicating there is in effect public liability insurance covering any damages arising out of the use and operation of any devices and facilities operated in connection with such carnival or exhibition. Such insurance shall be in the minimum amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for each person, and three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for each accident.
 - 4) The applicant has submitted a copy of their Georgia Certificate of Competency and Georgia license as issued by the Georgia State Fire Marshal, at the Office of Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire.

19. Taxicab and Limousine Operators:

- a. Each person who engages in the business of operating one or more taxicabs or limousines in the City shall obtain a license from the City Clerk.
- b. **Application – General:** Application for a license shall be made, and such application shall contain the following information in addition to general information:
 - 1) The experience of the applicant in the transportation of passengers;

- 2) Any facts which the applicant believes tend to prove that public convenience and necessity require the granting of a license;
 - 3) The number of vehicles to be operated or controlled by the applicant and the location of proposed depots and terminals.
- c. **Review:** In considering whether to grant or deny a taxicab license to an applicant, for such license, the governing body shall take into account the number of taxicabs or vehicles already in operation; whether existing transportation is adequate to meet the public need; the probable effect of increased service on local traffic conditions; and the character, experience, and responsibility of the applicant.
- d. **Liability Insurance Required:**
- 1) Before any license shall be issued for engaging in the taxicab or limousine business, the applicant for such license shall file with the City Clerk a liability insurance policy issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State. Each policy shall require notice to be sent within ten days to the city clerk as a certificate holder of any cancellation of any policy provided for in this article. Minimum coverage of insurance on each vehicle is as follows:
 - Coverage in the amount of \$25,000 for bodily injury, per person;
 - Coverage in the amount of \$50,000 for bodily injury, per occurrence;
 - Coverage in the amount of \$25,000 for property damage.
- e. **Application Fee:** Each application for certificate of operation shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$100.00 to cover administrative costs and cost of legal notices required.
- f. **License Fee:** The annual license fee for each person engaged in the business of operating taxicabs or limousines in the City shall be \$75.00, plus \$35.00 for verification of each driver and issuing individual driver's permits.
- g. **Driver's License and Permit Required:** No person shall operate a taxicab or limousine for hire upon the streets of this municipality and no person who owns or controls a taxicab shall permit it to be so driven, and no taxicab licensed under the provisions of this division shall be driven at any time for hire, unless the driver of said taxicab shall have first obtained and shall have then in force a valid motor vehicle driver's license, issued by the State, and a valid taxicab drivers permit issued by the municipality, as provided herein.
- h. **Driver's Permit Application:**
- 1) **Filing, etc.:** An application for a taxicab drivers permit shall be in writing, and filed with the City Clerk, and such application shall be verified under oath and shall contain the following information:
 - a) The names and addresses of three (3) references who will vouch for the sobriety, honesty, and general good character of the applicant;
 - b) The experience of the applicant in the transportation of passengers;
 - c) The educational background of the applicant.
 - 2) **Police Investigation of the Applicant:** The Chief of Police shall cause to be made an investigation of each applicant for a taxicab drivers permit. Such investigation shall be made to determine the moral character and fitness of the applicant, as well as the applicant's knowledge of the City and all traffic regulations therein. A report of such investigation and a copy of the traffic and police record of the applicant, if any, shall be attached to the application.

- 3) **Consideration of application:** The City Clerk or Chief of Police shall, upon consideration of the application and the reports required to be attached thereto, approve or reject the application. If the application is rejected, the applicant may request a personal appearance before the governing body to offer evidence why the application should be reconsidered.
- i. **Persons Precluded from Obtaining Driver’s Permit:** No individual shall be permitted to obtain a City permit to operate any taxicab or vehicle for hire who has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, or having violated any law or ordinance dealing with, having, possessing, selling or drinking intoxicating liquor, wine or beer, a violation of O.C.G.A. § 40-6-391, or a violation of the Georgia Controlled Substances Act.
 - j. **Forfeiture of Driver’s Permit for Certain Acts:** Any person to whom a driver’s permit has been granted to operate a taxicab or car for hire shall immediately forfeit the permit upon being found in possession of any intoxicating liquor, wine or beer, in any taxicab or car for hire which such person may have a license to operate, except where the same is found upon the passenger in a passenger’s luggage or effects.
 - k. **Issuance of Driver’s Permit, Photograph:** Upon approval of an application for a taxicab drivers or vehicle for hire permit, the chief of police shall issue a permit to the applicant which shall be signed by the Chief of Police, and set forth the name, address, age and signature of the applicant. The Chief of Police shall procure or cause to be produced two (2) photographs of such applicant, one of such photographs to be retained by the Chief of Police in the files of the Police Department and the other to be attached to the taxicab drivers permit.
 - l. **Display of Driver’s Permit:** Every taxicab driver licensed under this section shall post such taxicab drivers permit in such a place as to be in full view of all passengers while such driver is operating a taxicab.
 - m. **Duty of Driver to Comply with City, State and Federal Laws:** Every driver licensed under this division shall comply with all city, state and federal laws. Failure to do so will justify the suspension or revocation of the taxicab drivers permit or the vehicle for hire permit.
 - n. **Designation of Taxicabs:** Each taxicab shall bear on the outside of each rear door and on the rear of the vehicle, in painted letters not less than three (3) inches high, the name of the company or individual owning or operating the vehicle and the work “taxicab” and, in addition, may bear an identifying design approved by the Chief of Police.
 - o. **Receipts for Fares:** The driver of any taxicab shall, upon request by the passenger, render to such a passenger a receipt for the amount charged, either by a mechanically printed receipt or by a specially prepared receipt, on which shall be the name of the owner, license number or motor number, amount of the meter reading or charges, and the date of the transaction.
 - p. **Accidents:** All accidents arising from or in connection with the operation of any taxicabs or vehicles for hire which result in death or injury to any person, or in damage to any vehicle or to any property in an amount exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall be reported within twenty-four (24) hours from the time of occurrence to the Police Department.
 - q. **Refusal of Passenger to Pay Legal Fare:** It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to pay the legal fare of any taxicab after having hired the same, and it shall likewise be unlawful for any person to hire any taxicab with the intent to defraud the person from whom it is hired of the value of such service.

- r. **Limit on Number of Passengers:** All motor vehicles engaged in the transportation of persons for hire within the City shall carry no more than four (4) persons per seat in said motor vehicle at any one time, except, however, said motor vehicle may carry no more than three (3) persons, including the operator of the vehicle, on the front seat, or driver's seat, at any one time.
- s. **Compliance with State Law Required:** All motor vehicles engaged in the transportation or persons for hire within the City shall be in compliance with all appropriate state laws and regulations covering said class of vehicles.

20. **Tattoo Artists:**

- a. Each person who engages in the business of operating one or more tattoo offices in the City shall obtain a license from the City Clerk.
- b. Application for a license shall be made and such application shall contain the following information: name, home address, location of business, telephone number, social security number, names and same personal information on employees, prior location, number of years in the business, list of types of equipment, copy of state permit or health permit (if required by any state office,) and prior criminal report if any.
- c. Applicant must register with the Police Department listing their name and location, and must notify its location changes within the City.
- d. Applicant must be located in an area designated (zoned) as a business area.
- e. Applicant must agree to meet all state and federal requirements.
- f. The annual license fee shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00.)

21. **Shooting Galleries and Firearm Ranges:**

- a. Each person who engages in the business of operating one or more galleries or ranges within the City shall obtain a license from the City Clerk.
- b. Application for a license shall be made and such application shall contain the following information: name, home and business address, telephone number, social security number, list of employees and same personal information as applicant, copy of state license, copy of federal fire arms permit (if applicable,) and copy of liability insurance policy.
- c. Applicant must register with the Police Department, listing their name and business location. Applicant must notify the police of any change of location within the City. Applicant must file copies of all current state and federal permits. Applicant shall agree to police background check.
- d. Applicant must provide proper galleries and ranges designed to protect the public and participants, and must comply with all building, fire, plumbing and electrical codes.
- e. Galleries and ranges are to be located within areas zoned for business operations.
- f. Applicant must agree to meet all state and federal requirements.
- g. The annual license fee shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00.)

22. **Pawnbrokers:**

- a. **License Required:** Each pawnbroker doing business within this municipality shall be required to obtain a license from the City Clerk in the manner specified.
- b. **License Fee:** The annual business license fee for each pawnbroker doing business in this City shall be \$500.00.

- c. **Review of Application:** no action on any application for a pawnbroker’s license shall be taken by the governing body until the Chief of Police has reviewed such application and forward a recommendation thereon to the City Clerk in the manner specified.
- d. **Limitation of Issuance:** no pawnbroker’s license shall be issued to any person who has been convicted of the offense of receiving stolen goods or of burglary or robbery.
- e. **Records:** each pawnbroker licensed hereunder shall furnish to the Police Chief each week a list of every article pledged with such pawnbroker or sold to such pawnbroker during the previous week, giving a full and accurate description of the article, from who it was received, and the hour of the day received.
- f. **Weapons:** no pawnbroker shall receive as a pledge or purchase any revolver, pistol, blackjack, or sawed-off shotgun, and no pawnbroker shall display in such pawnbroker’s window or shop any such weapons for sale, without proper state and federal permits.
- g. **Minors:** no pawnbroker shall have any business dealings as a pawnbroker with a minor, nor shall a pawnbroker’s license be issued to a minor, nor shall a pawnbroker employ a minor to assist in the business.
- h. **Stolen Goods:** it shall be the duty of every pawnbroker to report to the police any article pledged with the pawnbroker, or which is sought to be pledged with such pawnbroker, if such pawnbroker shall have reason to believe that the article was stolen, or lost and found by person attempting to pledge it.

23. **Firearm Dealers:**

- a. Each firearm dealer doing business within the City of Calhoun shall be required to obtain a license from the City Clerk in the manner specified.
- b. License application and copies of federal and state licenses are to be filed with the City Clerk.
- c. Firearm dealers are to be registered with the City Police Department of Calhoun with copies of federal and state licenses to be filed. A criminal history is to be produced following written consent of applicant.
- d. The past five years’ firearm dealer history are to be filed with the Calhoun City Police Department.
- e. No action on any application for a fire arm dealer shall be taken until the governing body has reviewed the application and police report.
- f. No firearm license shall be issued to any person who has been convicted of a felony crime.
- g. The annual license fee for each firearm dealer shall be four hundred dollars (\$400.00.)
- h. A monthly report of the sales or trades of firearms are to be filed with the City Police Department for cross checking of stolen property locally and state wide.

24. **Peddlers:**

- a. **Definition:** any person, whether a resident of this city or not, traveling by foot, wagon, automotive vehicle, or any other type of conveyance from place to place, from house to house, from street to street, carrying, conveying, or transporting goods, wares, merchandise, meats, fish, vegetables, fruits, garden produce, farm products, or provisions, who offers and exposes the same for sale, or who, without traveling from place to place, sells or offers the same for sale from a wagon, automotive vehicle, railroad car, or other vehicle or conveyance.

- b. **Non-residents selling goods within the City are subject to the same regulations and license requirements as residents.** Any non-resident person engaged in soliciting and selling in the City any goods, wares, merchandise or commodities and delivering same, at time of sale by wagon, truck or other vehicle or manner, other than by public carrier in the usual course, shall be subject to the same license as prescribed and fixed in these ordinances for residents doing a like business in the City and subject to the same regulations and penalties as resident dealers.
- c. **License of Peddlers and Itinerant Merchants - Requirements:** Each peddler and itinerant merchant who does business within this municipality shall obtain a license from the City Clerk in the manner specified.
- d. **Exemptions:** Section 22-411 shall not be applicable to traveling sales persons or nonresident merchants as provided in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) §48-5-354, nor to newspaper delivery persons or sales persons, nor to bona fide merchants who merely deliver goods in the regular course of business, nor to a bona fide charitable, religious or philanthropic organizations, nor to persons selling agricultural products or implements, or flower pots or jugs, as provided in O.C.G.A. §43-32-6.
- e. **License Application:** Application for a license shall contain the following additional information:
 - 1) The places in the City where applicant proposes to carry on applicant’s business and the length of time contemplated for the conduct of said business;
 - 2) The places within the last six (6) months, other than the permanent place of business of applicant, where applicant had conducted a transient business;
 - 3) A statement of the nature, character and quality of goods, wares or merchandise to be sold or offered for sale in the City by applicant; and
 - 4) A brief statement of the nature and character of any advertising done or proposed to be done in connection with the conduct of applicant’s business.
- f. **Bond:** before any license shall be issued for engaging in a transient or itinerant business as provided in this section, the applicant shall file with the City Clerk a bond to the City in the sum prescribed by the governing body (\$5,000.00,) filed in the office of the City Clerk, executed by the applicant as principal, and two (2) sureties upon which service of process may be had in the state; such bond to be conditional upon the applicant complying fully with all of the provisions of the ordinances of this City and the statutes of the State regulating and concerning the sale of goods, wares and merchandise, and will pay all judgments rendered against applicant for any violation of said ordinances or statutes, together with all judgments and costs that may be recovered against applicant by any persons for damage growing out of any misrepresentation or deception practiced on any person transacting such business with such applicant, or applicant’s agent or employee.
- g. **License Fees:** The business license fee for each peddler and itinerant merchant doing business in the city shall be the sum prescribed by the governing body in the per-employee rate schedule on file in the office of the City Clerk. The business license shall be valid for the length of time contemplated for the conduct of such business, but no more than thirty (30) days.
- h. **Exhibiting License:** all persons obtaining a peddler’s license shall exhibit such license at the request of any citizen.

- i. **Magazine and Publication Solicitors - License Required:** it shall be unlawful for any person to go door-to-door or to canvass the City soliciting subscriptions to any magazine, book, literature or publication of like nature without having first obtained a license from the City Clerk in the manner specified.
- j. **License Fee:** the fee for such license to peddle or solicit such subscriptions for literature shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00.) The license shall be valid for the length of time contemplated for the conduct of such business, but no more than thirty (30) days.
- k. **Bond, Registration and Fingerprinting:** Before the City Clerk shall issue a license to sell, solicit, or canvass for such literature; the applicant for said license shall meet the following conditions:
 - 1) **Bond:** applicant shall file or post a bond with the City Clerk in the amount prescribed by the governing body (\$1,000.00) and filed in the office of the City Clerk in the form of cash or a surety bond issued by a commercial insurance company registered with the Insurance Commissioner or Comptroller of the State and authorized to do business in the State, for each person desiring to sell, solicit or canvass for such literature.
 - 2) **Registration:** each person desiring to sell, solicit or canvass for such literature shall register such person's name and address with the City Clerk at least one week in advance of the date of such desired solicitation or canvassing.
 - 3) **Fingerprinting:** each person desiring to sell, solicit or canvass for such literature shall be fingerprinted by the Police Department prior to the issuance of such license.
- l. **Peddling in Streets:** It shall be unlawful for any person to display, advertise, offer for sale, or peddle any merchandise of any kind whatsoever, including perishable food items, from any contrivance or motor vehicle upon the public streets of the City, from curb to curb, including the designated parking spaces located on said public streets between the curbs.
- m. **Soliciting in Streets:** in fundraising or solicitation, charitable or otherwise, the use of roadblocks or canvasses of vehicles upon the public streets of the City is prohibited. Under no circumstances may any person solicit funds from or distribute literature to occupants of any vehicles traveling upon the public streets of this City.
- n. **Stands, Contrivances for Street Sales – Permit Required:** it shall be unlawful for any person to erect stands or other contrivances to be used as a place to sell or advertise goods, wares or any other kind of merchandise or anything else on which a price would be asked, on any street, alley or other place controlled by the City, except by special permit of the governing body.
- o. **Advertising Sales in Public Places – Permit Required:** it shall be unlawful for any person to advertise any patent or proprietary medicine or any other article of merchandise of any kind upon the public squares, the public streets, alleys or other places in the City by lecture, special entertainment, concert or other like manner without first obtaining the written permission of the governing body.

25. Hypnotists, Handwriting Analysts, Fortune Tellers:

- a. Each hypnotist, handwriting analyst and fortune teller shall be required to obtain a license from the City Clerk in the manner specified.
- b. The application for each shall include the applicant's past five years of professional activity and locations, in addition to the general information required.
- c. The applicant for a hypnotist, handwriting analyst or fortune teller shall file a notice of location with the City Police Department in addition to authorizing a criminal history report.
- d. Applications and police information will be forwarded to the governing authority for review prior to authorizing a license.
- e. No license shall be granted to an applicant who has been convicted of a felony crime.
- f. An applicant will only be approved for a location in a commercial area.
- g. The fee for the license shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each location.

26. Burglar and Fire Alarm Installers and Locksmiths:

- a. Each burglar and fire alarm installer or locksmith shall be required to obtain a license from the City Clerk in the manner specified.
- b. The applicant shall file an application with the City Clerk. The application will include the past five years of professional activity in addition to general information.
- c. The applicant shall file a notice of the office location with the police department in addition to authorizing a criminal history report. A list of employees, social security numbers and addresses shall be filed.
- d. Applications and police information will be forwarded to the governing authority for review prior to authorizing a license.
- e. No license shall be granted to an applicant who has been convicted of a felony crime.
- f. Each approved applicant shall file updated reports of new employees, their social security numbers and addresses with the Police Department.
- g. The fee for the license shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each location.

27. Amusement Machine Owners – Regulated by the State of Georgia. A regular business license is required by the City of Calhoun.

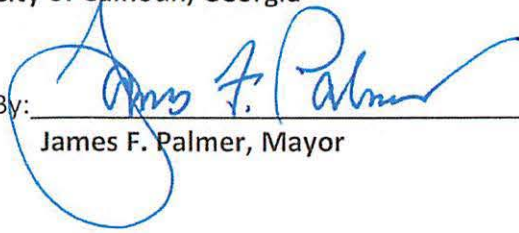
28. Returned check charge - \$-30.00

29. If any section, sentence, clause, or portion of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of the resolution.


30. Upon approval by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia, this resolution shall become effective and will repeal all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith.

ADOPTED this, 13th day of October, 2025.

City of Calhoun, Georgia

By: 
James F. Palmer, Mayor

Attest:


Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

