

**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, 2026** 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. Conditional Use Permit Fee: \$400.00
- m. 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. **2<sup>nd</sup> visit, same item - \$45.00**
  - ii. **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, will be assessed an administration fee of \$75.00.
- c. Site visits after April 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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.
  - 1) A single grave plot may contain no more than two sets of cremated remains when no casket interment has occurred within the plot. A second opening/closing of the plot will pay a fee of \$300.00 for City of Calhoun residents and \$500.00 for nonresidents.
- b. Chandler Cemetery columbarium spaces will be sold for \$1,200.00 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 \$2,000.00 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 \$500.00(M-F) and \$750.00 (S-S).
- 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. Flat headstones flush with the grass is the only allowable marker in this designated cremation area.

- d. 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 \$400.00 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 \$2,000.00 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 \$,2000.00 for the initial license, of which \$1000.00 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.

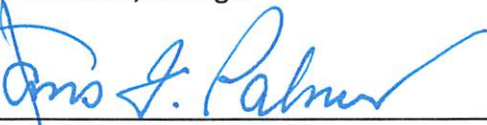
- b. **Non-residents selling goods within the City are subject to the same regulations and license requirements as residents.** Any non-resident person engaged in soliciting and selling in the City any goods, wares, merchandise or commodities and delivering same, at time of sale by wagon, truck or other 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2026.

City of Calhoun, Georgia

By:   
James F. Palmer, Mayor

Attest:

  
Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

