

ORDINANCE NO. 13-04

An Ordinance for the purpose of amending Article II of Chapter 3-4 of the Code of Henry County, Georgia, by including Section 3-4-222 contained therein to establish new requirements pertaining to Fire, Safety and Accessibility Fees.

I.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Henry County, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of same that Section 3-4-222 contained in Article II of Chapter 3-4 of the Code of Henry County, Georgia is hereby amended by including Section 3-4-222 contained therein to state as follows:

Section 3-4-222 Fire, Safety and Accessibility Fees.

1. **Construction, expansion permit fee.** There shall be a permit fee for the construction or for the expansion of every building in the county, and said permit fee shall be calculated at following rate:

Up to 10,000 square feet	\$150.00
10,001 – 30,000 square feet	\$0.10 per Square Foot
30,001 – 100,000 square feet	\$0.05 per Square Foot
100,001 – 500,000 square feet	\$0.03 per Square Foot
500,001 square feet and up	\$0.015 per Square Foot

80% or cover up inspection, 100% or final inspection, and first follow-up inspection will be allowed under the construction permit with no additional charge.
2. **Sprinkler system and alarm system permit fee.** There shall be a permit fee for a sprinkler system or alarm system being installed in buildings in the county, and said permit fee shall be calculated at following rate:

Up to 10,000 square feet	\$150.00
10,001 – 30,000 square feet	\$200.00
30,001 – 100,000 square feet	\$250.00
100,001 – 500,000 square feet	\$300.00
500,001 square feet and up	\$350.00

80% or cover up inspection, 100% or final inspection, and first follow-up inspection will be allowed under the construction permit with no additional charge.
3. **Minimum fees.** The following minimum fees shall be charged for the specific permits and services listed herein, notwithstanding the figure derived from the calculation provided by subsection 1 and 2 of this section.

A. Second re-inspection (New or Annual)	\$100.00
B. Third re-inspection (New or Annual)	\$150.00
C. Fourth re-inspection (New or Annual)	\$200.00
D. Fifth re-inspection and any sub-sequential follow-up(New or Annual)	\$250.00
E. Special Event inspection / permit	\$150.00
F. Commercial Hood Plan Review and Inspection	\$100.00

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| G. Site Plan Review and Inspection | \$100.00 |
| H. Change of Occupancy or Occupation Tax inspection (Business License) | \$100.00 |
| I. Name Change or Replacement of Occupation Certificate | \$25.00 |
| J. Blasting permit | \$100.00 |
| K. Installation or removal of Underground Fuel Tanks | \$100.00 |
| L. Fireworks permit | \$100.00 |
| M. Administrative Variance fee | \$50.00 |
| N. Returned for insufficient funds Check fee | \$35.00 |
| O. Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (per TCO) | \$50.00 |
| P. After Hours Inspection | \$75.00 per Hour |
4. **Fire watch fee.** When required by the fire chief or fire marshal for buildings or special events that could be hazardous in nature, qualified personnel shall be provided to serve as an on - site fire watch. Fire watch personnel shall be provided with at least one approved means for notification of the fire department and their sole duty shall be to perform constant patrols and watch for the occurrence of fire. This fee is \$25.00 per hour, per person, minimum of 4 hours.

II.

Failure to pay fees in a timely manner on all returned checks for insufficient funds will result in the Certificate of Occupancy not being issued, or the current Certificate of Occupancy being revoked. The business will be notified in writing by certified mail that the Certificate of Occupancy has been revoked. Operating a business without a Certificate of Occupancy is a violation of Henry County Ordinances. Persons violating the ordinance shall be subject to a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per day, per violation, and/or sixty (60) days in jail, or any combination.

III.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

IT IS SO ORDAINED THIS 19th DAY OF March, 2013.

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
TOMMY N. SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHAY MATHIS, COUNTY CLERK