

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF BARTOW COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF **AMENDING THE CODE OF BARTOW COUNTY, CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE I, RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF FIRE CODES; ADOPTING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR FIRE MARSHAL ACTIVITIES AND INSPECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BARTOW COUNTY HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2013.

WHEREAS, Bartow County adopted an ordinance relating to the enforcement of Fire Codes on May 16, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief and Fire Marshal have recommended the adoption of a fee schedule to regulate the fees charged by the Fire Marshal; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner deems it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Bartow County to amend the Code to reflect a fee schedule for Fire Marshal activities and inspections.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, and it is hereby ordained, that Chapter 18, Article I of the Code of Bartow County is hereby amended as follows:

I. New Section 18-3 is adopted, as follows:

Sec. 18-3. Fees

(a) The following fee schedule is adopted. For purposes of the fee schedule, “gross floor area” shall be that area in square feet under the roof line of the structure including all usable areas whether heated or not, above and below grade. Such areas include the garage and any unheated storage rooms or attachments including covered decks. If it is usable space, it is included in the gross square footage calculation.

(b) Specific fees (all square footage gross floor area):

Plan review:

Up to 5000 sq. ft.:	\$ 100.00
Over 5000 sq. ft.:	\$ 0.02/sq. ft.

Inspections:

50%, 80%, 100% and annual:	No charge
First follow up:	No charge
Second follow up:	\$ 150.00
All other follow up:	\$ 200.00
After hours (at builder’s request):	\$ 100.00
New Tenant inspection (when required for Business License):	
Less than 5,000 sq. ft.:	\$ 25.00
5,000 sq. ft. to 15,000 sq. ft.:	\$ 50.00

Over 15,000 sq. ft.:	\$ 100.00
Certification Inspections:	\$ 50.00
Including:	
Personal Care Homes not under State Fire Marshal	
Day Cares not under State Fire Marshal	
Room & Board Establishments not under State Fire Marshal	
Fireworks display permit:	\$ 50.00
per event per day without fire department standby and outdoor non-covered display. The permit will have to be completed with inspection of site prior to Bartow Probate Court issuing a license.	
Fire Works sales tent display:	\$ 75.00
Site plan review for Fire Department access, hydrant location, etc.	\$ 75.00
NFPA 96 Hood vent plan review and inspection:	\$ 75.00
Above ground fuel tanks 600 gallons or less site plan plus inspection:	\$ 75.00
Sprinkler plans review:	
Up to 15,000 sq. ft.:	\$ 100.00
Over 15,000 sq. ft.:	\$ 150.00
Fire Alarm plan review:	
Up to 15,000 sq. ft.:	\$ 75.00
Over 15,000 sq. ft.:	\$ 125.00
Commercial Pit Burns:	\$ 200.00 per pit site
False Alarm:	
For commercial and industrial premises:	
1st false alarm	No charge
2nd false alarm in same calendar year	\$ 75.00
3rd false alarm in same calendar year	\$ 125.00
4th false alarm in same calendar year	\$ 200.00
5th false alarm in same calendar year	\$ 500.00
6th and subsequent false alarm in same calendar year	\$1,000.00
For residential premises	
1st false alarm	No charge
2nd false alarm in same calendar year	\$ 25.00
3rd false alarm in same calendar year	\$ 75.00

4th false alarm in same calendar year	\$ 125.00
5th false alarm in same calendar year	\$ 200.00
6th and subsequent false alarm in same calendar year	\$ 500.00

False alarms are those alarms caused by faulty detectors that do not get fixed, faulty systems, careless human activity and similar matters. Alarms caused by lightning or other matters beyond human control shall not count towards this penalty. Any assessment of a false alarm charge shall be appealable to the Fire Chief.

Fire extinguisher class: \$10.00 each person - minimum 4 persons per class.

This amendment shall take effect on September 1, 2013.

SO ORDAINED AND ADOPTED, this 20th day of February, 2013, to be effective immediately, the public health, safety and welfare demanding.

ATTEST:

BARTOW COUNTY, GEORGIA

Kathy Gill, County Clerk

Steve Taylor, Commissioner