

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-08

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

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

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

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

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

**CITY OF WALTERBORO COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Election Filing Fees:  
Council \$ 254.60  
Mayor \$ 509.24  
FOIA Fees \$.25 per page plus Employee Time  
Certified Audio Recordings \$20.00

**BUILDING AND CODES DEPARTMENT FEES:**

**BUILDING OR SIGN PERMITS TOTAL VALUATION**

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

**ELECTRICAL PERMITS**

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

**GAS PERMITS**

Application Filing Fee \$30.00 (Non-refundable)  
 One to Four Outlets \$10.00  
 Each Additional Outlet \$2.00  
 One Unit (burner, furnace) \$5.00  
 Each Additional \$1.00

**MECHANICAL PERMITS**

Application Filing Fee \$30.00 (Non-refundable)  
 Heating, Ventilating Duct \$10.00 for the first \$1,000 of value and \$2.00 for each additional \$1,000 of value or fraction thereof.  
 Boiler Based on BTU input:  
 33,000BTU (1BHP) to 165,000 (5 BHP) - \$5.00  
 165,000 BTU (5 BHP) to 330,000 (10 BHP) - \$10.00  
 330,001 BTU (10 BHP) to 1,165,000 (52 BHP) - \$15.00  
 1,165001 BTU (52 BHP) to 3,300,000 (98 BHP) - \$20.00  
 Over 3,300,000 BTU - \$25.00

**PLUMBING PERMITS**

Application Filing Fee (Non-refundable) \$30.00  
 Each Plumbing Fixture \$3.50  
 Each house sewer (new/repair) \$6.00  
 Each cesspool \$6.00  
 Each septic tank/seepage tank or drainfield \$6.00  
 Each water heater and/or vent \$3.50  
 For installation or alteration or repair of \$6.00  
 For repair or alteration of drainage or vent piping \$6.00  
 For vacuum breakers or backflow protection devices one to five ea. \$3.50  
 over five-ea. \$2.00

Grease Trap Inspections \$20.00  
 All Reinspections \$30.00  
 Permit Renewal ½ permit fee

**ZONING CODE SERVICES & FEES**

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

Plat Review \$20.00 min./\$10.00 per lot  
 Fence Permit (All Inclusive) \$5.00

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT FEES:**

<b>RATE CLASS</b>	<b><u>INCOME: 0-\$2000</u> MINIMUM FEE</b>	<b><u>ALL OVER \$2000</u> Rate Per Thousand or fraction thereof</b>
1	\$40.00	\$1.00
2	\$45.00	\$1.15
3	\$50.00	\$1.30
4	\$55.00	\$1.45
5	\$60.00	\$1.60
6	\$65.00	\$1.75
7	\$70.00	\$1.90
8	<i>See Individual Business in Class 8</i>	

**Business License Fees**

**NON-RESIDENT RATES**

Unless otherwise specifically provided, all minimum fees and rates shall be doubled for non-residents and itinerants having no fixed principal place of business within the City.

**CLASS 8 RATES**

(Each SIC Number designates a separate sub-classification. The businesses in this section are treated as separate and individual subclasses due to provisions of State law, regulatory requirements, service burdens, tax equalization considerations, etc., which are deemed to be sufficient to require individually determined rates. Non-resident rates do not apply except where indicated.)

**SIC 15, 16 & 17 Contractors, Construction, All Types**

	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>Minimum</u></b>	<b><u>Per \$1,000 or Fraction</u></b>
A.	Having permanent place of business within the municipality		
	FIRST \$2,000.\$.....	\$50.00	PLUS
	Each additional \$1,000 from work		
	In or out of municipality .....		\$1.10
B.	Itinerant (no permanent place of business within the municipality or non-resident)		
	FIRST \$2,000 .....	\$100.00	PLUS
	Each additional \$1,000		
	(non-resident double rates do not apply) .....		\$2.00

A trailer at the construction site, a home office or structure in which the contractor resides is not a permanent place of business under this ordinance.

The total fee for the full amount of the contract shall be paid prior to commencement of work and shall entitle contractor to complete the job without regard to the normal license expiration date. No contractor shall be issued a business license until all state and municipal qualification examination and trade license requirements have been met. Each contractor shall post a sign in plain view on each job identifying the contractor with the job.

Sub-contractors shall be licensed on the same basis as general or prime contractors for the same job, and no deductions shall be made by a general or prime contractor for value of work performed by a sub-contractor.

No contractor should be issued a business license until all performance and indemnity bonds required by the Building Code have been filed and approved. Zoning permits must be obtained when required by the Zoning Ordinance.

Each prime contractor shall file with the License Inspector a list of sub-contractors furnishing labor or materials for each project.

<u>SIC</u>	<u>License Fee</u>
40 - <u>Railroad Companies</u> – (See Code Sec. 12-23-210)	\$175.00
4121 - <u>Taxicabs</u> – On Gross Income Rate ..... Class 7 (Proof of insurance required)	

481 - Telephone Companies not occupying public streets pursuant to Franchise - On gross receipts from customers' premises, telecommunications equipment, intrastate long distance tolls, service work charges, directory, miscellaneous and supplemental services billed to customers located within the municipality. Charges billed to customers located within the municipality shall be deemed to have been apportioned by the company according to services rendered within the municipality.

On gross receipts not exceeding \$25,000 .....	\$250.00
On the next \$175,000 per \$1,000 .....	\$5.20
Over \$200,000 per \$1,000 .....	\$1.20

Telephone companies occupying public streets pursuant to franchise may pay a fee in lieu of a business license, OR receive credit for business license fees as provided by the franchise agreement.

4841 - <u>Television, Cable or Pay</u> – .....	Franchise
491-493 – <u>Electric and Gas Companies</u> - .....	Franchise
5093 - <u>Junk or Scrap Dealers</u> [Non-resident rates apply]	
First \$2,000 .....	\$70.00 PLUS
Over \$2,000 .....	\$1.60

<u>SIC</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Per \$1,000 or Fraction</u>
55 – <u>Automotive, Motor Vehicle Dealers &amp; Farm Machinery, Retail</u> –			
	First \$2,000 .....	\$100.00	PLUS
	\$2,001 - \$300,000 .....		\$0.70
	Over \$300,000 .....		\$0.38

One sales lot not more than 400 feet from the main showroom may be operated under this license provided that proceeds from sales at the lot are included in gross receipts at the main office when both are operated under the same name and ownership.

**Gross receipts for this classification shall include full sales price without deduction for trade-ins. Dealer transfers shall not be included in gross receipts.**

5813 - <u>Drinking Places</u> – (Alcoholic beverages, beer & wine)			
	First \$2,000 .....	\$200.00	PLUS
	Over \$2,000 .....		\$1.60
5932 – <u>Pawn Brokers</u> – All Types			
	First \$2,000 .....	\$70.00	PLUS
	Over \$2,000 .....		\$1.60

5962 – Vending Machines and all other coin-operated Automatic Merchandising Machines

(Not included in Business Gross Income):

First \$2,000 .....	\$50.00	PLUS
Over \$2,000.....		\$1.20

5963 – Peddlers, Solicitors, Canvassers, Door – To-Door Sales,  
direct retail sales of merchandise. [Non-resident rates apply]

- (a) Peddlers permit (door to door sales)  
7 day period or any part thereof ..... \$150.00
- (b) Transient Merchant permit (only in established industrial zone which includes an area bounded by Sanders Street, S. Memorial, Moore Street and S. Jefferies Blvd)  
First \$2,000.....\$250.00 PLUS  
Over \$2,000.....\$3.30

**SIC**

63 - Insurance Companies:

On gross premiums collected through offices, or agents located in the municipality, wherever the risk is located, or collected on policies written on property or risks located in the municipality, wherever the premiums are collected. Gross premiums shall include new and renewal business without deductions for any dividend, credit, return premiums or deposit.

Solicitation for insurance, receiving or transmitting an application or policy, examination of a risk, collection or transmitting of a premium, adjusting a claim, delivering a benefit, or doing any act in connection with a policy or claim shall constitute doing business within the municipality whether or not an office is maintained therein. A premium collected on property or a risk located within the municipality shall be deemed to have been collected within the municipality. (Declining rates shall not apply.)

- 631–632 Life, Health and Accident .....0.75% of Gross Premiums
- 633-635..... Fire and Casualty (Licensed in SC) .....2% of Gross Premiums
- 636 - Title Insurance .....2% of Gross Premiums
- 6411 - Brokers for Fire & Casualty Insurers – non-admitted.

On gross premiums collected on policies of companies not licensed in South Carolina, the agent or broker shall pay annually, with copy of the report showing location of the risks insured ..... .2% of Gross Premiums  
(Premiums for non-admitted business are not included in gross commissions for license under Rate Class 7 for other business of agent.)

Notwithstanding any other provision of this ordinance, license taxes for insurance companies and brokers for non-admitted insurers shall be payable on or before May 31 in each year without penalty, Pursuant to S.C. Code 5-7-300, the agreement with the Municipal Association of South Carolina on file with the Clerk for Collection of current delinquent license taxes from insurers and brokers is approved.

7993 – Amusement Machines, coin operated –

- A. Music machines, kiddy rides, and Amusement machines licensed pursuant to S.C. Code § 12-21-2720(A)(1) and (A)(2) –  
Operator of machine ..... \$12.50 per machine.

Distributor of machines:  
 First \$2,000 .....\$50.00 PLUS  
 Over \$2,000 .....\$1.20

B. Video poker and amusement machines licensed pursuant to  
 S.C. Code § 12-21-2720(A)(3) -  
 Operator of machine \$150.00 per machine

Distributor of machines:  
 First \$2,000..... \$50.00 PLUS  
 Over \$2,000.....\$1.20

7999 - Billiard or Pool Rooms, all types -  
\$5.00 stamp per table PLUS

First \$2,000..\$50.00 PLUS  
 Over\$2,000 .....\$1.20

7999 - Carnivals and Circuses -

First 2,000..... \$200.00 PLUS  
 Over \$2,000 .....\$1.60

Accommodations Taxes Municipal Code Chapter 30, Article II  
 Hospitality Taxes Municipal Code Chapter 30, Article II  
 Audit/Budget Preprinted Book Fee \$15.00  
 Returned Check Fee \$25.00  
 Setoff Debt Collection Fee \$25.00

**PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT FEES:**

Administrative Fees:

Incident / Accident Reports \$5.00 (Per Report)

False Alarm Fees:

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

Vehicle for Hire

Application \$100  
 Inspection \$25/vehicle

Police Officer - Security Services

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

**SANITATION DEPARTMENT FEES:**

**GARBAGE**

Residential Rate \$18.00  
 Commercial rollout \$23.18  
 Dumpster - 1 pickup/wk \$190.58  
 Extra pickups on dumpster \$24.86  
 Sharing dumpster \$95.28  
 Recycling - 1 pickup/week \$2.00

**UTILITY SUPPORT DEPARTMENT:**

**WATER**

Minimum Charges (Bi-Monthly Billing)

<u>Service Size/Type</u>	<u>In-City</u>	<u>Out-of-City</u>
¾" Residential	\$20.24	\$41.92
¾" Commercial	\$26.01	\$54.61
1" Residential	\$31.24	\$76.45
1" Commercial	\$36.40	\$87.40
1 ¼" Residential	\$41.61	\$98.30
1 ¼" Commercial	\$46.81	\$109.21
1 ½" Residential	\$49.39	\$117.39
1 ½" Commercial	\$54.62	\$128.33
2" Residential	\$85.82	\$210.22
2" Commercial	\$91.01	\$221.16
3" Residential	\$163.82	\$412.25
3" Commercial	\$169.02	\$423.14
4" Residential	\$319.80	\$816.25
4" Commercial	\$325.01	\$827.16
6" Residential	\$631.79	\$1,621.54
6" Commercial	\$660.40	\$1,632.48
8" Residential	\$1,255.75	\$3,232.16
8" Commercial	\$1,260.96	\$3,243.09

**Usage Rates**

	<u>In-City</u>	<u>Out-of-City</u>
First 4,000	Included in	Minimum
Next 36,000	\$1.34	\$2.70
Next 160,000	\$1.23	\$2.45
All over 200,000	\$1.11	\$2.22

**Water Tap Fees**

<u>Service Size</u>	<u>In-City</u>	<u>Out-of-City</u>
¾"	\$535.00	\$1,070.00
1"	\$554.00	\$1,108.00
1 ½"	\$681.00	\$1,362.00
2"	\$2,111.00	\$4,222.00
Over 2"	Cost plus 20%	

**SEWER**

**Usage Rates - Per Thousand**

<u>In-City</u>	<u>Out-of-City</u>
\$3.90	\$7.39

**Sewer Tap Fees**

	<u>In-City</u>	<u>Out-of-City</u>	
Residential	\$342.00	\$684.00	
Restaurant	\$3,442.00	\$6,884.00	
Motel/Apartments	\$1,376.00	\$2,752.00	1st unit
	\$82.70	\$165.40	each additional
Business	\$684.00	\$1,368.00	

**Administrative**

Late Fee	\$10.00
Processing cut-off/on fee	\$30.00
Water meter removal/replacement	\$50.00
Deposit	\$50.00
Turn on/off service fee	\$5.00

This Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2011.

DONE, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA

William T. Young, Jr.  
William T Young, Jr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Betty J. Hudson  
Betty J Hudson  
Municipal Clerk

First Reading: June 14, 2011  
Public Hearing: June 28, 2011  
Second Reading: June 28, 2011