



## **Fire Protection Fee Charge Inquiry/Review Fact Sheet**

### *Fire Protection Fee Charge Review*

A customer's Fire Protection Fee Charge has been determined using the records from the McDuffie County Tax Assessor's office and aerial photography where necessary. Using this data, the County has calculated the total square footage of the customer's parcel as well as all improvements such as buildings, garages, outbuildings, etc. The County has determined that the fee for Fire Protection Service provided to parcels within the County shall be calculated as follows:

Total Fire Protection Fee: Total fire protection fee per parcel is equal to the sum of the wildfire charge plus the structure charge (if applicable).

Wildfire Charge: \$3.12 per year, per acre of land

- Minimum charge is \$3.12 per year, per parcel
- Maximum charge is \$234.00 per year, per parcel

Structure Charge: \$0.05 per year, per square foot of building space

- Single family residential customers
  - Minimum charge per parcel is \$50.00
  - Maximum charge per parcel is \$200.00
- Non-single family residential customers
  - Minimum charge per parcel is \$200.00
  - Maximum charge per parcel is \$5,000.00

All of the above fees are charged annually through the regular McDuffie County property tax bill.

If you believe that your Fire Protection Fee was calculated incorrectly, please complete the attached form to request a review of your fee and send it to:

McDuffie County Fire Protection Fee  
Attn: Tax Commissioner's Office  
210 Railroad Street/Post Office Box 955  
Thomson, GA 30824  
Phone: 706-595-2132

Upon receipt of your request, we will review your property's billing account data and conduct additional research (as necessary) to establish the correct parcel acreage and amount of building square footage and the resulting Fire Protection Fee. Your request for Fire Protection Fee Review includes your permission for

County personnel to enter your property to verify and measure existing improvements. If you have been billed incorrectly, any fees received over the correct charge amount will be refunded. However, if we find that you have been under charged, your Fire Protection Fee will be adjusted accordingly, and you will be responsible for the additional amount. Please note that your Fire Protection Fee must be paid and current in order for a Fire Protection Fee review to be initiated by the County. You may request information regarding this program from McDuffie County Tax Commissioner's Office at 706-595-2132.

**Form: Application for Fire Protection Fee Charge Review**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Type

Residential \_\_\_\_\_

Non Single-Family Residential \_\_\_\_\_

Undeveloped \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of Applicant's Representative (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

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Daytime Phone Number for Applicant's Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Explanation of Circumstances Relating to Request for Fee Review \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Size (acres): \_\_\_\_\_ Structure Size (sq. ft.): \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Fee Payment Received

Date Fee Received: \_\_\_\_\_

**Results of Review**

Date Review Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fee Reduced      Amount of Refund \_\_\_\_\_ New Annual Bill Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Increased      Amount of Increase \_\_\_\_\_ New Annual Bill Amount \_\_\_\_\_

No Adjustment Made