

RESOLUTION NO. 21-08

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE FEE RATE TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT PROVIDE FIRE SERVICES TO THE SERVICE AREA OF THE THOMSON-MCDUFFIE COUNTY FIRE, EMS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY (TMCF)

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board Of Commissioners of McDuffie County, Georgia:

WHEREAS, the County has performed an analysis which properly assesses and defines the County's fire protection needs, goals, priorities as well as the funding strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of McDuffie County adopted an ordinance on September 1, 2021 authorizing the formation of a Fire Protection Service Utility, dedicated specifically to the provision of fire protection services, systems and facilities of the TMCF, and established a fire protection fee to fund such services; and

WHEREAS, it is the interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the Citizens of McDuffie County that the services funded by the revenues from the Fire Protection Service Fee include public safety services, including without limitation expenses incurred to prepare for and actively engage in firefighting, and other related services; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the County to impose a fire protection service fee charge in accordance with the procedures, requirements, and restrictions established in the Fire Protection Utility Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish the fee schedule for such services within McDuffie County.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, by Board of Commissioners, in regular session assembled, does hereby adopt the fee schedule included in Attachment A; and,

ADOPTED this 1st day of Sep 2021.



Chairman

RECEIVED AND APPROVED this this 1st day of September 2021.



County Clerk

ATTACHMENT A
MCDUFFIE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE FEE SCHEDULE
Effective: September 1, 2021

Wildfire Charge:

- Applies to all parcels with the Fire Service District
- \$2.84 per year, per acre of land
 - Minimum charge is \$2.84 per year, per parcel
 - Maximum charge is \$213.00 per year, per parcel

Structure Charge:

- Applies to all structures with the Fire Service District
- \$0.03 per year, per square foot of building space
 - Single family residential customers
 - Minimum charge per parcel is \$30.00
 - Maximum charge per parcel is \$120.00
 - Non-single family residential customers
 - Minimum charge per parcel is \$120.00
 - Maximum charge per parcel is \$3,000.00
- Square footage of structures is established by the McDuffie County Tax Commissioner or other County databases, as available.

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).