

RESOLUTION NO. 22-12

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE FEE RATE TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO FUND 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 Board of Commissioners of McDuffie County adopted an ordinance on September 1, 2021 (the "Ordinance") authorizing the formation of a Fire Protection Service Utility, dedicated specifically to the provision of fire protection services, systems and facilities of the TMCF (the "Fire Protection Services"), and establishing a fire protection fee to fund such services (the "Fire Protection Fee"); and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance was adopted in the interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the Citizens of McDuffie County to provide the Fire Protection Services funded by the revenues from the Fire Protection Fee, including without limitation expenses incurred to prepare for and actively engage in firefighting and other related public safety services; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance provides for the County to impose a Fire Protection Fee charge in accordance with the procedures, requirements, and restrictions established in the Fire Protection Utility Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, after meeting and reviewing historical information and data related to the Fire Protection Utility since the adoption of the Ordinance, including but not limited to the number and origin of service calls, the Fire Protection Fee revenues and receipts, and the costs and expenses associated with provision of Fire Protection Services, the Fire Utility Committee has recommended to the County that it amend the fee schedule for Fire Protection Services, as provided for in the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, based upon the information and analysis provided to the County, the County has determined that it is necessary to amend the fee schedule for such services within McDuffie County.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 78-206 (b) of the Code of Ordinances, McDuffie County, Georgia, the Board of Commissioners, in regular session assembled, and after consideration of historical information and data presented to it related to the Fire Protection Utility, does hereby adopt the amended fee schedule contained in Attachment A.

Adopted and approved by the Board of Commissioners, this 7th day of September, 2022.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF MCDUFFIE COUNTY,
GEORGIA**

By: Sammie Wilson Sr.
Sammie Wilson
Its Vice Chairman

Attest: Nikki Milburn
Nikki Milburn
Its Clerk

[BOARD SEAL]



ATTACHMENT A
AMENDED MCDUFFIE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE FEE
SCHEDULE

Effective: September 7, 2022

Wildfire Charge:

- Applies to all parcels within the Fire Service District
- \$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:

- Applies to all structures within the Fire Service District
- \$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
- Square footage of structures is established by the McDuffie County Board of Assessors' Office, 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).