STATE OF GEORGIA CITY OF DUBLIN

ORDINANCE # 25-12

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN, GEORGIA, TO ESTABLISH AUTHORITY TO CREATE A FEE SCHEDULE BY RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF DUBLIN; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE AN ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Dublin, Georgia, recognizes its authority under the Georgia Constitution and state law to regulate land use, business operations, and public health, safety, and welfare within its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Dublin, Georgia, assigns fees and costs across the municipality for operations and issues regarding the City through various municipal ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined a need for a unified fee schedule to provide greater transparency and ease of access for the public.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Section 3-41 (j), of Article II, located within Chapter 3, titled Advertising and Sign Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(j) Permit fees. Before any permit is issued under the provisions of this section, the applicant shall pay a fee of forty dollars (\$40.00), payable upon application. An application for a ground sign having any sign face of thirty-two (32) square feet or greater in area shall require a permit fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). However, no permit fee shall be required for signs having no electrical connection and a sign face less than thirty-two (32) square feet in area."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(j) Permit fees. Before any permit is issued under the provisions of this section, the applicant shall pay a fee upon application. Fees contemplated under this section shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 2.

Section 4-2 (c), of Article I, located within Chapter 4, titled Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

- "(c) Licenses which may be issued under this chapter include:
 - (1) Wholesale—Business located outside the city limits of Dublin:
 - a. Malt beverages\$300.00
 - b. Vinous liquors\$300.00
 - c. Spiritous liquors\$3,500.00
 - (2) Wholesale—Business located within the city limits of Dublin:
 - a. Malt beverages\$1,250.00
 - b. Vinous liquors\$750.00
 - c. Spiritous liquors\$5,000.00
 - (3) Retail:
 - a. Malt beverages\$700.00

- b. Vinous liquors\$500.00
- c. Spiritous liquors\$3,500.00
- (4) Consumption on the premises:
 - a. Malt beverages\$700.00
 - b. Vinous liquors\$500.00
 - c. Spiritous liquors:
 - i. Restaurants and hotels\$3,500.00
 - ii. Private clubs\$2,500.00
 - iii. Nightclubs\$4,500.00
 - d. Sunday sales permit\$250.00
- (5) Any combination of the above may be issued, provided no retail or wholesale spirituous liquor establishment shall hold any consumption-on-the-premises license for the same location."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "(c) Licenses:
 - (1) Licenses which may be issued for a fee under this chapter shall be established by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk.
 - (2) Any combination of the above may be issued, provided no retail or wholesale spirituous liquor establishment may hold any consumption-on-the-premises license for the same location."

SECTION 3.

Section 4-3 (c), of Article I, located within Chapter 4, titled Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(c) All approved applications for new licenses under this chapter shall be accompanied by a payment in cash or by certified check for all the minimum fees and business taxes provided for in this Code for the classification into which the applicant falls. All applicants for a new license (specifically excluding transfers or renewals) shall include with their application a new applicant fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(c) All approved applications for new licenses under this chapter shall be accompanied by a payment in cash or by certified check for all the minimum fees and business taxes provided for in this Code for the classification into which the applicant falls. All applicants for a new license (specifically excluding transfers or renewals) shall include with their application a new applicant fee. Fees contemplated under this section shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 4.

Section 4-3 (d)(8), of Article I, located within Chapter 4, titled Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(8) An affidavit from the city engineer, stating that the establishment complies with the distance requirements contained in this chapter (the city engineer will charge a fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for this affidavit);"

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(8) An affidavit from the city engineer, stating that the establishment complies with the distance requirements contained in this chapter. A fee for this affidavit shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk;"

SECTION 5.

Section 4-20 (b)(4), of Article I, located within Chapter 4, titled Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(4) An affidavit from the city engineer, stating that the establishment complies with the distance requirements contained in this chapter (the city engineer will charge a fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for this affidavit);"

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(4) An affidavit from the city engineer, stating that the establishment complies with the distance requirements contained in this chapter. A fee for this affidavit shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk;"

SECTION 6.

Section 4-20 (c), of Article I, located within Chapter 4, titled Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(c) An application for transfer shall be made within five (5) days of change of the licensee and shall be accompanied by cash or a certified check in the amount of five-hundred dollars (\$500.00). Upon receipt of an application for transfer, which meets the requirements of this section, and upon the surrender of the existing license, the city clerk may issue a license to the applicant."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(c) An application for transfer shall be made within five (5) days of change of the licensee and shall be accompanied by cash or a certified check in an amount to be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk. Upon receipt of an application for transfer, which meets the requirements of this section, and upon the surrender of the existing license, the city clerk may issue a license to the applicant."

SECTION 7.

Section 4-110 (c), of Article VI, located within Chapter 4, titled Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(c) An alcoholic beverage caterer shall make application for an off-premise license as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section with the city clerk and shall pay to the City of Dublin an annual license fee in an amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). This fee amount shall remain in effect until modified or amended by subsequent resolution adopted by the city council."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(c) An alcoholic beverage caterer shall make application for an off-premises license as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section with the city clerk and shall pay to the City of Dublin an annual license fee in an amount to be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 8.

Section 4-120 (a)(1), of Article VI, located within Chapter 4, titled Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(1) Apply to the City of Dublin for an event permit. Each application shall require payment of a fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00). When the licensed alcoholic beverage caterer is domiciled in a local political subdivision other than the City of Dublin, the caterer shall pay to the City of Dublin an event permit fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 3-11-3 (or such fee as may be authorized by any future amendment or revision thereto; and"

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(1) Apply to the City of Dublin for an event permit. Each application shall require payment of a fee. When the licensed alcoholic beverage caterer is domiciled in a local political

subdivision other than the City of Dublin, the caterer shall pay to the City of Dublin an event permit fee. Fees contemplated under this section shall be set by resolution or as authorized by other controlling law, and on file in the office of the City Clerk; and"

SECTION 9.

Section 4-120 (c)(9), of Article VI, located within Chapter 4, titled Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(9) An affidavit from the city engineer stating that the location of the proposed sale or distribution of alcohol complies with all distance requirements governing the same. A one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) fee shall be paid for said affidavit."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(9) An affidavit from the city engineer stating that the location of the proposed sale or distribution of alcohol complies with all distance requirements governing the same. A fee for this affidavit shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk;"

SECTION 10.

Section 4-130 (b), of Article VI, located within Chapter 4, titled Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(b) The application shall be made in the name of the non-profit organization and the names of the person or persons who will be responsible for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages during the special event or festival. The application shall contain the name of the special event or festival, the proposed location of the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages; the dates for the special event or festival; a statement of understanding and agreement to fully comply with all local, state and federal regulations concerning the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages, and any other information as may be requested by the city manager or his or her designee. The non-profit organization shall submit an application fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) along with said application. A copy of the non-profit organization's 501(c)(3) determination letter from the IRS must be submitted along with the application or by-laws and corporate charter from the secretary of state's office."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b) The application shall be made in the name of the non-profit organization and the names of the person or persons who will be responsible for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages during the special event or festival. The application shall contain the name of the special event or festival, the proposed location of the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages; the dates for the special event or festival; a statement of understanding and agreement to fully comply with all local, state and federal regulations concerning the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages, and any other information as may be requested by the city manager or his or her designee. The non-profit organization shall submit an application fee along with said application. Said application fee shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk. A copy of the non-profit organization's 501(c)(3) determination letter from the IRS must be submitted along with the application or by-laws and corporate charter from the secretary of state's office."

SECTION 11.

Section 4-130 (d)(4), of Article VI, located within Chapter 4, titled Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(4) Obtain an affidavit from the city engineer stating that the location of the proposed sale or distribution of alcohol complies with all distance requirements governing the same. A one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) fee shall be paid for said affidavit. The city engineer shall file said affidavit with the city clerk."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(4) Obtain an affidavit from the city engineer stating that the location of the proposed sale or distribution of alcohol complies with all distance requirements governing the same. A fee for this affidavit shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk; The city engineer shall file said affidavit with the city clerk."

SECTION 12.

Section 6-45 of Article III, located within Chapter 6, titled Building and Construction, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"All requirements of this article as to filing applications shall be satisfied by filing the same in the office of the city clerk. At the time of submitting such applications, all water, gas, and sewerage tap fees or deposits, and the cost of the installation of driveway pipe, if necessary for access, shall be paid to the clerk. Further the applicant shall submit to the city clerk the required fee based upon the declared cost of improvement shown on the application, which payment shall be deemed and regarded as a deposit and receipt of which shall not finally determine payment of the required fee. The actual amount of the permit fee shall be determined by the building official according to the building valuation determined by him. Such fee so determined shall be paid in full before the permit shall issue."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"All requirements of this article as to filing applications shall be satisfied by filing the same with the City. At the time of submitting such applications, a permit fee and all applicable utility fees and deposits shall be paid to the City. The permit fee shall be set by resolution and on file with the City Clerk. Said fee and any other applicable fees so determined shall be paid in full before the permit will issue."

SECTION 13.

Section 6-47 of Article III, located within Chapter 6, titled Building and Construction, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

- "(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) below, the fees to be charged for any permit issued under the provisions of this article, shall be as established by the city manager from time to time and on file in the office of the city clerk.
- (b) In the event the city manager desires to amend the fees to be charged for any permit issued under the provisions of this article, the city manager shall first make a report of the proposed change to the mayor and city council at a public city council meeting. The details of the proposed amended fees, including the current fees and the proposed new fees, shall be documented in the minutes of the meeting.
- (c) No amended fee shall be effective until the minutes of the council meeting described in subsection (b) of this section have been adopted and approved by the mayor and city council.
- (d) For the purpose of promoting and incentivizing development and revitalization of areas of the city which are most heavily burdened with blight and dilapidation, the fees contemplated by this section 6-47 may be waived by the city manager for the construction or development or renovation of a single-family home or the demolition of a blighted or dilapidated structure if the property is located within certain designated geographic areas which are identified by resolution of the mayor and council. Said waivers may only last for a maximum of two (2) years per designation. The mayor and council must find that the designated area meets the following criteria for the waiver to be effective as provided herein:
 - 1. According to the most recent population data from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, the residents of the area designated have a low to moderate income level of fifty-one (51) per cent or more;

- 2. The area designated falls within the city's urban redevelopment area;
- 3. There have been less than average building permits issued for the area when compared to the city as a whole; and
- 4. The area has a significant number of vacant and undeveloped lots and/or lots with dilapidated or blighted properties."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 6-47 - Fees.

Fees for services performed by the City related to this Chapter, Building and Construction, may be established by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 14.

Section 6-73 (a) of Article IV, located within Chapter 6, titled Building and Construction, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to demolish or relocate a building, house or similar structure without having first obtained from the city clerk a permit therefor and having paid to the clerk the required fee for the issuance of said permit."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to demolish or relocate a building, house or similar structure without having first obtained from the city a permit therefor and having paid to the city the required fee for the issuance of said permit. Said permit fee shall be set by resolution and on file with the City Clerk."

SECTION 15.

Section 6-74.1 of Article IV, located within Chapter 6, titled Building and Construction, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"Before the issuance of a permit for the relocation of a structure, the mayor and city council shall hold a public hearing thereon. At least fifteen (15) days prior to the date scheduled for the public hearing, the building inspector shall cause to have posted in a conspicuous place on the property, proposed as the new location for the structure, one (1) or more signs, each of which shall not be less than four (4) square feet in area and each of which shall contain information as to the proposed relocation and the date, the place and time of public hearing and the name and number of the city official to call for information.

An administrative fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) will be charged for handling the application. Additionally, the city shall be reimbursed by the applicant for any extra cost involved, as determined by the city manager."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Before the issuance of a permit for the relocation of a structure, the mayor and city council shall hold a public hearing thereon. At least fifteen (15) days prior to the date scheduled for the public hearing, the building inspector shall cause to have posted in a conspicuous place on the property, proposed as the new location for the structure, one (1) or more signs, each of which shall not be less than four (4) square feet in area and each of which shall contain information as to the proposed relocation and the date, the place and time of public hearing and the name and number of the city official to call for information.

Permit fees contemplated herein shall be set by resolution and on file with the City Clerk."

SECTION 16.

Section 6-75 of Article IV, located within Chapter 6, titled Building and Construction, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"No structure shall be placed upon appropriate trailer apparatus to be moved from any point within, or upon any street, right-of-way or highway of the city unless the following has been secured:

- a) A permit to be issued by the police department at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to proposed move. Said permit shall contain evidence that interested public and private utility corporations have been notified, the route to be traveled, destination and statement of person responsible for any costs and damages which may occur.
- b) The police department shall have the authority to specify the time and route to be traveled.
- c) Upon determination by the police department that additional escort services are required due to the time, route or size of structure, the city clerk, be authorized, collect a fee in advance for extra manpower required to ensure the safety of the move."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"No structure shall be placed upon appropriate trailer apparatus to be moved from any point within, or upon any street, right-of-way or highway of the city unless the following has been secured:

- a) A permit to be issued by the police department at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to proposed move. Said permit shall contain evidence that interested public and private utility corporations have been notified, the route to be traveled, destination and statement of person responsible for any costs and damages which may occur.
- b) The police department shall have the authority to specify the time and route to be traveled.
- c) A permit fee shall be paid as determined by resolution on file with the City Clerk."

SECTION 17.

Section 6-91 of Article V, located within Chapter 6, titled Building and Construction, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"The application or statement for any permit required by this chapter shall be made and submitted by the contractor who proposes to do the work specified in said application. Any permit issued under the terms of this chapter cannot be transferred to any other contractor except by first making application for transfer in writing, which shall be accompanied by a transfer fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) which is in addition to the other fees specified by this chapter. No person shall do any such work under a permit issued to any other person unless such permit has first been transferred under the terms of this chapter."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The application or statement for any permit required by this chapter shall be made and submitted by the contractor who proposes to do the work specified in said application. Any permit issued under the terms of this chapter cannot be transferred to any other contractor except by first making application for transfer in writing, which shall be accompanied by a transfer fee, set by resolution and kept in the office of the City Clerk, in addition to the other fees specified by this chapter. No person shall do any such work under a permit issued to any other person unless such permit has first been transferred under the terms of this chapter."

SECTION 18.

Section 6-114 of Article VI, located within Chapter 6, titled Building and Construction, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"[Permit fees for work performed under this article shall be as follows:]

For issuing each permit\$10.00

- a) Residential. Electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning values shall be based on one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per square foot. Permit cost shall be determined on two (2) per cent of the total value.
- b) Commercial. Electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning permit fees shall be based on per centages, as follows:
 - 1. Up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), the total permit fee shall be based on two (2) per cent of the total cost.
 - 2. More than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) but not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), the total permit fee shall be based on one and three-fourths (1³/₄) per cent of the total cost.
 - 3. More than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) but not exceeding one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), the total permit fee shall be based on one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) per cent of the total cost.
 - 4. More than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), the total permit fee shall be based on one (1) per cent of the total cost."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Permit fees for work performed under this article shall be set by resolution and on file at the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 19.

Section 6-124 of Article VII, located within Chapter 6, titled Building and Construction, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"[Permit fees for work performed under this article shall be as follows:]

For issuing each permit\$10.00

- a) Residential. Electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning values shall be based on one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per square foot. Permit cost shall be determined on two (2) per cent of the total value.
- b) Commercial. Electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning permit fees shall be based on per centages, as follows:
 - 1. Up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), the total permit fee shall be based on two (2) per cent of the total cost.
 - 2. More than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) but not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), the total permit fee shall be based on one and three-fourths (1³/₄) per cent of the total cost.
 - 3. More than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) but not exceeding one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), the total permit fee shall be based on one and one-half (1½) per cent of the total cost.
 - 4. More than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), the total permit fee shall be based on one (1) per cent of the total cost."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Permit fees for work performed under this article shall be set by resolution and on file at the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 20.

Section 6-132 of Article VIII, located within Chapter 6, titled Building and Construction, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"[Permit fees for work performed under this article shall be as follows:]

For issuing each permit\$10.00

- a) Residential. Electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning values shall be based on one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per square foot. Permit cost shall be determined on two (2) per cent of the total value.
- b) Commercial. Electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning permit fees shall be based on per centages, as follows:
 - 1. Up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), the total permit fee shall be based on two (2) per cent of the total cost.
 - 2. More than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) but not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), the total permit fee shall be based on one and three-fourths (1¾) per cent of the total cost.
 - 3. More than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) but not exceeding one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), the total permit fee shall be based on one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) per cent of the total cost.
 - 4. More than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), the total permit fee shall be based on one (1) per cent of the total cost."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Permit fees for work performed under this article shall be set by resolution and on file at the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 21.

Section 6-145 of Article IX, located within Chapter 6, titled Building and Construction, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"Permit fees for work performed under this article shall be as follows:

For issuing each permit\$10.00

Residential and commercial permits cost shall be determined on two (2) per cent of the total value of the work performed."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Permit fees for work performed under this article shall be set by resolution and on file at the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 22.

Section 6-152 of Article IX, located within Chapter 6, titled Building and Construction, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"It shall be the duty of the gas fitter's examining board to examine and pass upon the qualifications of every person who may apply for a gas fitter's certificate of competency to do work in the city or its gas service territory, upon forms provided by the city, and who shall have paid to the city clerk an examination fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00). Such applicant shall be examined upon the fundamentals of gas fitting, the laws of the city pertaining to gas installation, the theory and practice of gas installation and construction, and the experience and ability of the applicant in practical gas installation. If such applicant is found to possess an accurate knowledge of the fundamentals of gas fitting, a practical working knowledge of the theory and correct practice of gas installation and construction, a thorough knowledge of the laws of the city relating to gas installation and construction, and sufficient experience and ability in gas installation and construction to safely and competently apply his knowledge in practice, the board shall issue to him a certificate of competency."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the gas fitter's examining board to examine and pass upon the qualifications of every person who may apply for a gas fitter's certificate of competency to do work in the city or its gas service territory, upon forms provided by the city, and who shall pay an

examination fee. Said fee shall be set by resolution and on file at the office of the City Clerk. Such applicant shall be examined upon the fundamentals of gas fitting, the laws of the city pertaining to gas installation, the theory and practice of gas installation and construction, and the experience and ability of the applicant in practical gas installation. If such applicant is found to possess an accurate knowledge of the fundamentals of gas fitting, a practical working knowledge of the theory and correct practice of gas installation and construction, a thorough knowledge of the laws of the city relating to gas installation and construction, and sufficient experience and ability in gas installation and construction to safely and competently apply his knowledge in practice, the board shall issue to him a certificate of competency."

SECTION 23.

Section 6-154 of Article IX, located within Chapter 6, titled Building and Construction, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"Each certificate of competency, whether original or renewal, shall be valid only for the calendar year in which issued and dated, and shall be of no force or effect in any subsequent calendar year. Any holder of an unrevoked or unsuspended certificate for any particular calendar year, whether original or renewal, shall be entitled to a renewal certificate without examination for the next succeeding calendar year upon payment of a renewal fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) to the city clerk, provided such holder shall have been actively engaged in the business of gas fitting for not less than three (3) months within a period of one (1) year next preceding application for such renewal. Each duplicate certificate issued by the city clerk for one (1) lost, stolen or otherwise not in the person's possession shall cost ten dollars (\$10.00)."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Each certificate of competency, whether original or renewal, shall be valid only for the calendar year in which issued and dated, and shall be of no force or effect in any subsequent calendar year. Any holder of an unrevoked or unsuspended certificate for any particular calendar year, whether original or renewal, shall be entitled to a renewal certificate without examination for the next succeeding calendar year upon payment of a renewal fee, provided such holder shall have been actively engaged in the business of gas fitting for not less than three (3) months within a period of one (1) year next preceding application for such renewal. Each duplicate certificate issued by the city clerk for one (1) lost, stolen or otherwise not in the person's possession shall pay a fee. The fees contemplated in this section shall be set by resolution and on file at the office of the City Clerk"

SECTION 24.

Section 6-156 of Article IX, located within Chapter 6, titled Building and Construction, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"The requirements of certificate of registration shall apply to all persons, resident or nonresident of the city, when doing work in the city. Provided, however, any person doing work outside the city in its gas service territory shall be issued a permit to do such work in lieu of a certificate of registration, upon the payment of a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) therefor, but in no event shall the requirements be lessened."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The requirements of certificate of registration shall apply to all persons, resident or nonresident of the city, when doing work in the city. Provided, however, any person doing work outside the city in its gas service territory shall be issued a permit to do such work in lieu of a certificate of registration, upon the payment of a fee to be set by resolution and on file at the office of the City Clerk, but in no event shall the requirements be lessened."

SECTION 25.

Section 11-21 (b) of Article I, located within Chapter 11, titled Garbage and Trash, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(b) The waste removal service may be terminated by the city, in the discretion of the director of sanitation, from any premises for which the monthly bill for any of the three (3) utilities services, water, sewer and waste removal, remains unpaid for a period of fifty (50) days after the bill is mailed by the city. At the request of the director of public works, the director of utilities may terminate the water service as provided in Chapter 24 of this code from any premises for which the monthly bill for the waste removal service remains unpaid. When shut off for nonpayment, the water service shall not be turned on except upon full payment of the utilities service charges, plus payment of the water turn-on fee of four dollars (\$4.00).

Charges for waste removal service shall be a lien upon the premises serviced as provided in this section."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b) The waste removal service may be terminated by the city, in the discretion of the City Manager, from any premises for which the monthly bill for any of the three (3) utilities services, water, sewer and waste removal, remains unpaid for a period of fifty (50) days after the bill is mailed by the city. The City Manager may terminate any city service from any premises for which the monthly bill for the waste removal service remains unpaid. When shut off for nonpayment, City services shall not be reinstated except upon full payment of all service charges, plus payment of a processing fee as established by resolution and on file at the office of the City Clerk.

Charges for waste removal service shall be a lien upon the premises serviced as provided in this section."

SECTION 26.

Section 11-23 of Article I, located within Chapter 11, titled Garbage and Trash, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"The city manager may waive all collection fees, except for the city's cost in tipping fees, related to the demolition, renovation, or construction of any single-family home which is located within an area designated by the mayor and council by resolution pursuant to section 6-47(d) and/or section 11&1/2-35(a)(4) of this Code and if the city manager finds it will be in the best interest of the city to promote revitalization and development of an impoverished area of the city."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"All fees for the collection and disposal of solid waste by the city shall be established by resolution on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 27.

Section 11-35 (c) of Article I, located within Chapter 11, titled Garbage and Trash, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

- "(c) White goods wastes.
 - 1. White goods wastes shall be collected separately from all other wastes and according to a schedule established by the city manager or his designee. A reasonable fee as determined by the director of sanitation may be charged for all collection of white goods wastes.
 - 2. White goods wastes shall be collected within thirty (30) days upon request to the sanitation department and shall be placed for collection at the time and location specified by the public works department when the request for collection is made. At no time shall

white goods wastes be placed for collection except as and when directed by the sanitation department."

is hereby repealed and reserved.

SECTION 28.

Section 11-39 of Article I, located within Chapter 11, titled Garbage and Trash, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

- "(a) Generally. The owners or agents, tenants or lessees of all property, whether improved or unimproved, including residential homes and apartment units, shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of this section. The owners, agents, tenants or lessees shall be severally and jointly responsible for keeping the following areas free from garbage and refuse at all times, exclusive of those periods immediately prior to collection as permitted in this article, said areas to include the entire premises as well as the parkway or swale and/or easement adjoining the dwelling; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to the owners or agents if such owners or agents shall be able and will point out to the delegated city authority any person who has caused the unsanitary or illegal condition and provided that such owner or agent or any other witness he may produce executed an affidavit to this effect and the affiant in such cases shall thus become the voluntary witness for the city in its proceedings against such person.
- (b) Notice of violation. After issuance of warning verbally or in writing to property owners, their agents, tenants or lessees, wherever violations of this article are found, the city shall give the violators twenty-four (24) hours within which to correct the violation and shall state the penalty for failure to comply. If at the end of twenty-four (24) hours, inspection of said property reveals the violation to be continuing, then the owner, agent, lessee and/or tenant shall receive a summons requiring the aforesaid persons so responsible to appear at a stated date and time in the court of proper jurisdiction to answer charges of violation of said section. In addition, the city shall have the right to refuse to collect any residential solid waste which is placed for collection in violation of this article. However, if the city does collect said residential solid waste which was placed for collection in violation of this article then said collection shall constitute a special pickup and said owner, agent, tenant or lessee shall be charged the reasonable fee for special pickups as authorized in section 11-35 of this article."

is hereby repealed and reserved.

SECTION 29.

Section 11-57 (d) of Article I, located within Chapter 11, titled Garbage and Trash, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(d) Junk. It shall be unlawful for any person to place or leave outside any building or dwelling, except as specified in section 11-56, any dilapidated furniture, appliance, machinery, equipment, building material, junked motor vehicle, or other item which is either in a partially rusted, wrecked, junked, dismantled, or inoperative condition, and which is not completely enclosed within a building or dwelling. Any such item or items which remain on the property of the occupant for a period of twenty (20) days after notice of violation of this chapter, shall be presumed to be abandoned and subject to being removed from the property by the city or its designee without further notice. The city may charge the owner or occupant a fee for the cost of removing said item or items. This section shall not apply to licensed junk dealers or currently licensed establishments engaged in the repair, rebuilding, reconditioning, or salvaging of equipment or furniture."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(d) Junk. It shall be unlawful for any person to place or leave outside any building or dwelling, except as specified in section 11-56, any dilapidated furniture, appliance, machinery, equipment, building material, junked motor vehicle, or other item which is either in a partially

rusted, wrecked, junked, dismantled, or inoperative condition, and which is not completely enclosed within a building or dwelling. Any such item or items which remain on the property of the occupant for a period of twenty (20) days after notice of violation of this chapter, shall be presumed to be abandoned and subject to being removed from the property by the city or its designee without further notice. The city may charge the owner or occupant a fee to be set by resolution and on file at the office of the City Clerk. This section shall not apply to licensed junk dealers or currently licensed establishments engaged in the repair, rebuilding, reconditioning, or salvaging of equipment or furniture."

SECTION 30.

Section 11-91 of Article III, located within Chapter 11, titled Garbage and Trash, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"In the event that any of the persons described in subsection 11-88(b), whether an individual, firm or corporation, fail, neglect or refuse to remove the abandoned, wrecked or junked vehicle or parts thereof, the city or its agent or contractor may remove the abandoned, wrecked or junked vehicle or parts thereof at a cost not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and a minimum cost of five dollars (\$5.00), as determined by the city; which cost, if in the best interests of the city, as determined by the city manager, may be collected from the registered owner of such vehicle or parts thereof or the owner of the private property or lessee or other person in possession of private property upon which such vehicle or parts thereof is located. Ownership of any vehicle or parts thereof removed by the city, its agent or contractor shall, upon such removal, be vested in the city, its agent or contractor, as applicable."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"In the event that any of the persons described in subsection 11-88(b), whether an individual, firm or corporation, fail, neglect or refuse to remove the abandoned, wrecked or junked vehicle or parts thereof, the city or its agent or contractor may remove the abandoned, wrecked or junked vehicle or parts thereof and charge a fee as determined by resolution and on file at the office of the City Clerk, which cost, if in the best interests of the city, as determined by the city manager, may be collected from the registered owner of such vehicle or parts thereof or the owner of the private property or lessee or other person in possession of private property upon which such vehicle or parts thereof is located. Ownership of any vehicle or parts thereof removed by the city, its agent or contractor shall, upon such removal, be vested in the city, its agent or contractor, as applicable."

SECTION 31.

Section 16-23 of Article II, located within Chapter 16, titled Peddlers, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"At the time of filing the application, a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) shall be paid to the city clerk to cover the cost of investigation of the facts stated therein."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"At the time of filing the application, a fee shall be paid. Fees under this article shall be set by resolution and on file at the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 32.

Section 16-26 of Article II, located within Chapter 16, titled Peddlers, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"Before any permit shall be issued under the provisions of this article the applicant therefor shall pay a fee, based upon the duration he desires to engage in business in the city, as follows:

Per day\$50.00

Per week100.00

Per month250.00."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Before any permit shall be issued under the provisions of this article the applicant therefor shall pay a fee as established by resolution and on file at the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 33.

Section 16-27 of Article II, located within Chapter 16, titled Peddlers, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

- "(a) Every applicant, not a resident of the city, or who is a resident of the city and represents a firm whose principal place of business is located outside the state, shall file with the city clerk a surety bond running to the city in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), with surety acceptable to and approved by the mayor, conditioned that the applicant shall comply fully with all the applicable provisions of this Code, the ordinances of the city and state law regulating and concerning the business of peddling and guaranteeing to any citizen of the city that all money paid as a down payment will be accounted for and applied according to the representations of the peddler, and further guaranteeing to any citizen of the city doing business with such peddler that the property purchased will be delivered according to the representations of such peddler. Action on such bond may be brought in the name of the city to the use or benefit of the aggrieved person.
- (b) If the applicant is an agent, employee, canvasser or solicitor of a corporation authorized to do business in this state or registered under the fictitious name act of the state, such corporation or fictitious name business may furnish one bond in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for any and all of its agents, employees, canvassers or solicitors."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "(a) Every applicant, not a resident of the city, or who is a resident of the city and represents a firm whose principal place of business is located outside the state, shall file a surety bond running to the city in an amount set by resolution and on file at the office of the City Clerk, with surety acceptable to the city, conditioned that the applicant shall comply fully with all the applicable provisions of this Code, the ordinances of the city and state law regulating and concerning the business of peddling and guaranteeing to any citizen of the city that all money paid as a down payment will be accounted for and applied according to the representations of the peddler, and further guaranteeing to any citizen of the city doing business with such peddler that the property purchased will be delivered according to the representations of such peddler. Action on such bond may be brought in the name of the city to the use or benefit of the aggrieved person.
- (b) If the applicant is an agent, employee, canvasser or solicitor of a corporation authorized to do business in this state or registered under the fictitious name act of the state, such corporation or fictitious name business may furnish one bond in an amount set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk for any and all of its agents, employees, canvassers or solicitors."

SECTION 34.

Section 17 ½ -3 (d) of Article I, located within Chapter 17 ½ , titled Precious Metals, Gems, Pawnshops and Scrap Metals, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(d) All applications for a license shall be accompanied by cash or a certified check in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). All applications shall be in writing upon a form supplied to all applicants by the clerk. The application shall be made by a person having at least a twenty-five (25) percent ownership interest in the business and shall set forth the names, addresses and ages of all persons having an ownership interest in the business and shall contain an accurate description of the premises upon which the business is to be conducted, along with the zoning classification therefor and such other information as may be required."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(d) All applications for a license shall require a fee as set by resolution and on file at the office of the City Clerk. All applications shall be in writing upon a form supplied to all applicants by the clerk. The application shall be made by a person having at least a twenty-five (25) percent ownership interest in the business and shall set forth the names, addresses and ages of all persons having an ownership interest in the business and shall contain an accurate description of the premises upon which the business is to be conducted, along with the zoning classification therefor and such other information as may be required."

SECTION 35.

Section 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 (b)(3), located within Chapter 19 $\frac{1}{2}$, titled Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(3) In addition to the local permitting fees, fees will also be assessed pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 12-5-23(a)(5), provided that such fees shall not exceed eighty dollars (\$80.00) per acre of land-disturbing activity, and these fees shall be calculated and paid by the primary permittee as defined in the state general permit for each acre of land-disturbing activity included in the planned development or each phase of development. All applicable fees shall be paid prior to issuance of the land disturbance permit. In a jurisdiction that is certified pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 12-7-8(a), half of such fees levied shall be submitted to the division; except that any and all fees due from an entity which is required to give notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 12-7-17(9) or (10) shall be submitted in full to the division, regardless of the existence of a local issuing authority in the jurisdiction."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(3) Permit fees shall be as established by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk. All applicable fees shall be paid prior to issuance of the land disturbance permit."

SECTION 36.

Section 20-4 of Article I, located within Chapter 20, titled Streets and Sidewalks, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"Prior to the construction of any driveway or other encroachment upon the right-of-way to any public street within the corporate limits of the City of Dublin, Georgia, a permit for the same shall be obtained from the City of Dublin engineering department. The applicant shall submit an application on a form developed and approved by the city engineer and shall pay an application fee in an amount set by the city engineer with the approval of the city manager. The specifications for any and all driveways and encroachments upon the right-of-way or public streets within the corporate limits of the City of Dublin shall meet, at a minimum, the standard specifications set by the Georgia Department of Transportation, and any other specifications required by the city engineer, or his/her designee, as may be dictated by the location of the proposed driveway or encroachment."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Prior to the construction of any driveway or other encroachment upon the right-of-way to any public street within the corporate limits of the City of Dublin, Georgia, a permit for the same shall be obtained from the city. Permit fees shall be determined by resolution and on file at the

office of the City Clerk. The specifications for any and all driveways and encroachments upon the right-of-way or public streets within the corporate limits of the City of Dublin shall meet, at a minimum, the standard specifications set by the Georgia Department of Transportation, and any other specifications required by the city engineer, or his/her designee, as may be dictated by the location of the proposed driveway or encroachment."

SECTION 37.

Section 20-34 of Article III, located within Chapter 20, titled Streets and Sidewalks, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"A person seeking a parade permit as required by the provisions of this article shall make application therefor to the city manager on forms provided for such purpose."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"A person seeking a parade permit as required by the provisions of this article shall make application therefor to the city manager on forms provided for such purpose. Permit fees shall be determined by resolution and on file at the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 38.

Section 20-54 of Article IV, located within Chapter 20, titled Streets and Sidewalks, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"Any person desiring to excavate or open any street, sidewalk or other public way for any purpose shall first obtain a permit in writing from the city engineer. The city engineer shall specify the streets, sidewalks and public ways and the portions thereof which are to be excavated and the length of time for which such permit is granted."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Any person desiring to excavate or open any street, sidewalk or other public way for any purpose shall first obtain a permit from the city. Permit fees shall be determined by resolution and on file at the office of the City Clerk. The City Manager shall specify the streets, sidewalks and public ways and the portions thereof which are to be excavated and the length of time for which such permit is granted."

SECTION 39.

Section 20-100 (c) of Article VI, located within Chapter 20, titled Streets and Sidewalks, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(c) Fees. Fees shall be determined by the city manager, subject to the approval by resolution of the city council. A fee schedule shall be available at the offices of the city engineer and the city clerk and open for public inspection."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(c) Fees. Fees shall be determined by resolution and on file at the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 40.

Section 21-48 (c) of Article III, located within Chapter 21, titled Taxation, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(c) The regulatory fee schedule for persons in occupations and professions is as follows:

Occupation/Profession		Fee
(1)	Carnivals	\$1,000.00
(2)	Taxicab and limousine operators	100.00
(3)	Tattoo artists	1,000.00
(4)	Shooting galleries and firearm ranges	100.00
(5)	Scrap metal processors	100.00

(6)	Pawnbrokers	300.00
(7)	Food service establishments	100.00
(8)	Dealers in precious metals	300.00
(9)	Firearms dealers	100.00
(10)	Peddlers	50.00
(11)	Parking lots	50.00
(12)	Nursing and personal care homes	100.00
(13)	Modeling agencies	100.00
(14)	Boarding houses	100.00
(15)	Businesses which provide	300.00
	appearance bonds	
(16)	Boxing and wrestling promoters	300.00
(17)	Hotels and motels 100.0	
(18)	Hypnotists	100.00
(19)	Handwriting analysts	100.00
(20)	Health club, gym and spas	100.00
(21)	Fortunetellers (resident only)	100.00
(22)	Burglar and fire alarm installers; and	50.00
(23)	Locksmiths	50.00
(24)	Circus	300.00

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(c) The regulatory fee schedule for persons in occupations and professions shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 41.

Section 21-49 (b) of Article III, located within Chapter 21, titled Taxation, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(b) Occupation tax schedule:

Number of Employees	Tax Rate	
0-1	\$25.00	
2-10	\$125.00	
11-25	\$350.00	
26-50	\$925.00	
51-100	\$2,475.00	
100-200	\$4,975.00	
>200	\$9,975.00	

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b) Occupation tax schedule shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 42.

Section 21-49 (c) of Article III, located within Chapter 21, titled Taxation, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(c) Each person subject to pay the tax required herein shall also pay a twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) administrative fee which shall be due and payable at the same time as the tax provided for herein."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(c) Each person subject to pay the tax required herein shall also pay an administrative fee due and payable at the same time as the tax provided for herein. Administrative fees shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 43.

Section 24-25 of Article I, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

- "(a) When an account has not been paid by 5:00 p.m. on the 24th day after the bill date, the account will be assessed a processing fee of \$40.00. This processing fee will be assessed regardless of whether or not a payment plan has been established with the utility billing clerk. The city treasurer may authorize a one-time, once per-customer waiver of this \$40.00 processing fee if the customer signs up for automatic bank drafts with the city.
- (b) A fee for cut-ons and cut-offs at customer request shall be charged as follows:
 - a. If during normal working hours of the meter department:
 - i. No charge
 - b. If outside of the normal working hours of the meter department (including weekends and holidays):
 - i. \$80.00 for cut-offs
 - ii. \$80.00 for cut-ons
 - c. Customer accounts with both gas and water utility services shall be charged only one fee per cut-on or cut-off.
- (c) If the customer's gas service is turned off for more than twelve (12) months, a pressure test is required by a certified gas contractor per the city's gas policy and standards.
- (d) The city will provide one customer requested re-read after any utility bill is issued. Any subsequent requests for re-read will be assessed a fee of \$15.00, unless the city determines an error on the part of the city has been made in any prior reading.
- (e) The city treasurer, or his or her authorized representative, has the authority to refer delinquent accounts including, but not limited to, fees, penalties and interest, to an agency for collection. In all cases, the customer shall be responsible for all costs, penalties and interest, as allowed by law, and the same shall be sought in any action to recover amounts due the city. The city manager, or his or her authorized representative, shall have the authority to write-off accounts that are over one year old in an amount equal to or less than the disbursement spending limit authorized pursuant to City Ordinance Section 2-94. Upon any account being written off, the city manager shall cause a report of the same to be issued to the mayor and council. The mayor and council may write off any such accounts, upon the recommendation of the city manager by resolution. No account shall be written off until it has been determined by the city treasurer that there is no cost-effective means for collecting the account. Writing off of debt is not legal forgiveness of debt and even those accounts written off may be used as justification to refuse future service of the city."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "(a) When an account has not been paid by 5:00 p.m. on the 24th day after the bill date, the account will be assessed a processing fee. This processing fee will be assessed regardless of whether or not a payment plan has been established with the utility billing clerk. Processing fees shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk.
- (b) Fees for cut-on(s) and cut-off(s) shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk. Customer accounts with both gas and water utility services shall be charged only one fee per cut-on or cut-off in the event both services are adjusted at the same time.
- (c) If the customer's gas service is turned off for more than twelve (12) months, a pressure test is required by a certified gas contractor per the city's gas policy and standards.

- (d) The city will provide one customer requested re-read after any utility bill is issued. Any subsequent requests for re-read will be assessed a fee, unless the city determines an error on the part of the city has been made in any prior reading. Fees shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk.
- (e) The city treasurer, or his or her authorized representative, has the authority to refer delinquent accounts including, but not limited to, fees, penalties and interest, to an agency for collection. In all cases, the customer shall be responsible for all costs, penalties and interest, as allowed by law, and the same shall be sought in any action to recover amounts due the city. The city manager, or his or her authorized representative, shall have the authority to write-off accounts that are over one year old in an amount equal to or less than the disbursement spending limit authorized pursuant to City Ordinance Section 2-94. Upon any account being written off, the city manager shall cause a report of the same to be issued to the mayor and council. The mayor and council may write off any such accounts, upon the recommendation of the city manager by resolution. No account shall be written off until it has been determined by the city treasurer that there is no cost-effective means for collecting the account. Writing off of debt is not legal forgiveness of debt and even those accounts written off may be used as justification to refuse future service of the city."

SECTION 44.

Section 24-27 of Article I, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"Sec. 24-27. - Reserved."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 24-27. – Water laboratory testing."

Fees for water laboratory testing shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 45.

Section 24-37 of Article II, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

- "(a) All water meter taps shall be made and installed on the basis of a nonrefundable service charge, which shall be determined by the city manager. A schedule of these charges shall be made available upon request.
- (b) In the event it is necessary to cut the street pavement in order to make a water tap, a charge in addition to those named in subsection (a) will be made for the purpose repairing the pavement, on a cost plus basis as established by the city manager."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "(a) All water meter taps shall be made and installed on the basis of a nonrefundable service charge. A schedule of these charges shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk.
- (b) In the event it is necessary to cut the street pavement in order to make a water tap, a charge in addition to those named in subsection (a) will be made for the purpose of repairing the pavement, on a cost plus basis as established by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 46.

Section 24-38 of Article II, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"The following rates shall be charged for water service within the corporate limits of the city: There shall be a monthly base charge of twelve dollars and forty cents (\$12.40) per equipment replacement cost, (ERC), for all water users where the ERC factors by meter size. The minimum water service charge will be twelve dollars and forty cents (\$12.40) times the ERC factor listed below according to meter size for the first two thousand (2,000) gallons of water. For any usage in excess of two-thousand (2,000) gallons, there shall be a charge of four dollars and ninety-five cents (\$4.95) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used.

Meter size	Base charge	Factor	_
(in inches)			
3/4	1.00	\$12.40	
1	1.28	\$15.87	
1 1/4	1.76	\$21.82	
1 ½	2.08	\$25.79	
2	2.88	\$35.71	
3	5.60	\$69.44	
4	10.00	\$124.00	
6	20.00	\$248.00	
8	30.00	\$372.00	
10	40.00	\$469.00	

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Rates and fees for water service shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 47.

Section 24-39 of Article II, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"The following rates shall be charged for water service without the corporate limits of the city: There shall be a monthly base charge of twenty-four dollars and eighty cents (\$24.80) per equipment replacement cost, (ERC), for all water users where the ERC factors are determined by meter size. The minimum water service charge will be twenty-four dollars and eighty cents (\$24.80) times the ERC factor listed in the table in section 24-38 according to meter size for the first two thousand (2,000) gallons of water. For any usage in excess of two-thousand (2,000) gallons, there shall be a charge of nine dollars and ninety cents (\$9.90) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used."

is hereby repealed and reserved.

SECTION 48.

Section 24-39.1 of Article II, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"All apartments, manufactured home parks, or residences with more than one (1) family or unit using only one (1) water meter shall have their rate determined through the following formula: 3/4" base rate (as amended) multiplied times the number of families/units plus the actual consumption in excess of the first 2,000 gallons of water per unit/family.

(3/4" base rate x units) + (consumption - (2,000 gallons x units)) = water service charge.

This shall be the formula for calculating water utility bills regardless of the actual size of the meter in place at the particular location."

is hereby repealed and reserved.

SECTION 49.

Section 24-40 of Article II, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"All bills for water shall be due and payable at the customer service office upon receipt, and if said payment is not paid by 5:00 p.m. on the due date shown on the bill a ten (10) per cent delinquency penalty shall be added. If said bills are not paid within twenty-five (25) days after the date of the bill, water service shall be discontinued without further notice. Provided, however, that when the due date or cut-off date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, said bills shall become due, said penalty shall attach or said service shall be discontinued on the next succeeding business day after the due date or cut-off date."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"All bills for water service shall be due and payable at the customer service office, and if said payment is not paid by 5:00 p.m. on the due date shown on the bill a delinquency penalty shall be added. If said bills are not paid within twenty-five (25) days after the date of the bill, water service shall be discontinued without further notice. Provided, however, that when the due date or cut-off date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, said bills shall become due, said penalty shall attach, or said service shall be discontinued on the next succeeding business day after the due date or cut-off date. Penalties contemplated herein shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 50.

Section 24-42 of Article II, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

- "(a) A deposit in the amount of the minimum bill as provided in ordinance sections 24-38 and 24-39, as amended, for new residential and small commercial water customers who are in good standing with the city or who have presented evidence to the satisfaction of the city treasurer of their good credit rating. The same deposit shall be required for all residential and small commercial water customers transferring their accounts with the City of Dublin.
- (b) A deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be required from any current or former customer or transferee of the city utilities that has had utility services terminated for nonpayment of a monthly utility bill three (3) times within any twelve-month period or has paid three (3) late payments during a previous twelve-month period, and from new water customers who do not have a good credit report from a credit reporting bureau or provide written evidence of a good payment reference from their previous utility.
- (c) An estimated three (3) months water usage charge or one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), whichever is greater, shall be required for large commercial and small industrial water customers.
- (d) Apartment buildings and other multiple users with only one (1) meter serving multiple units shall be required to pay the minimum deposit per unit of occupancy based on the payment history of the owners or managers of the complex.
- (e) All deposits shall be paid in full in advance of connection to the utility service. Special consideration may be given on a conditional basis to new residential customers who do not have an established credit record."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Deposits are required for water service for all customers and shall be established by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 51.

Section 24-44 of Article II, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"All new utility customers and all customers transferring an account shall pay an account establishment fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which fee shall be billed on the first utility bill to the customer."

is hereby repealed and reserved.

SECTION 52.

Section 24-45 of Article II, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"A penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be paid by any utility user who is found to be connected to the utility services and who has not applied for such service. The penalty must be paid prior to reconnections of the service in addition to any other required deposits, usage charges and fees."

is hereby repealed and reserved.

SECTION 53.

Section 24-46.1 of Article II, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

- "(a) Every new connection to the city's water utility and every upgrade in connection to the city's water utility shall require the payment by the customer of a water capital recovery fee as provided herein to cover the city's capital costs associated with maintaining and operating and expanding the city's water utility.
- (b) Payment of the water capital recovery fee shall be made to the city by the customer at the time of the request for or application for new, increased capacity, or additional water services. Customers shall also pay a water capital recovery fee when their existing water service tap is inadequate to carry the volume of water desired and the water service tap size is increased. All users, except as otherwise provided herein, shall be subject to payment of the water capital recovery fee, regardless of the location of the service tap. In all cases when a water capital recovery fee is due and payable to the city, said fee shall be paid before the water service is made available to the customer.
- (c) Once a customer has paid a water capital recovery fee to the city, it shall not be refunded.
- (d) Water Capital Recovery Fee Rates:
 - (1) To ensure the water capital recovery fee corresponds proportionately to the demand for capacity for each customer, water capital recovery fees shall be based on an equivalent residential unit ("ERU") basis and according to a schedule established by the city manager and maintained in the office of the city clerk, which may be amended as needed. In the event a customer does not easily fit within the schedule established by the city manager, he or she shall use his or her best judgment to determine where in the schedule the customer fits and require the fee corresponding to that determination.
 - (2) The rate per ERU shall be determined by resolution or ordinance of the mayor and council.
 - (3) The city manager may waive the water capital recovery fee if the following criteria are met:
 - i. The customer is seeking water service or additional capacity for the construction of a single-family residential home or for the rehabilitation of an existing single-family residential home; and
 - ii. The location of the proposed service is within an area designated by the most recent population data from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs where the residents of the area designated have a low to moderate income level of fifty one (51) per cent or more; and

- iii. The location of the proposed service is within the city's urban redevelopment area; and
- iv. The location of the proposed service is within an area that has had less than average building permits issued for the area when compared to the city as a whole; and
- v. The location of the proposed service is within an area that has a significant number of vacant and undeveloped lots and/or lots with dilapidated or blighted properties.

The city manager's determination of these criteria shall be in writing and signed by the city manager on a form generated by the city clerk including the criteria listed above and maintained in the office of the city clerk."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "(a) Every new connection or upgrade in connection to the city's water utility and every expansion of or addition to any facility or change in use which requires an increased demand served by the city's water utility shall require the payment by the customer of a water capital recovery fee as provided herein to cover the city's capital costs associated with maintaining and operating and expanding the city's water utility.
- (b) Payment of the water capital recovery fee shall be made to the city by the customer at the time of the request for or application for new, increased capacity, or additional water services. Customers shall also pay a water capital recovery fee when their existing water service tap is inadequate to carry the volume of water desired and the water service tap size is increased. All users, except as otherwise provided herein, shall be subject to payment of the water capital recovery fee, regardless of the location of the service tap. In all cases when a water capital recovery fee is due and payable to the city, said fee shall be paid before the water service is made available to the customer.
- (c) Once a customer has paid a water capital recovery fee to the city, it shall not be refunded.
- (d) Water Capital Recovery Fee Rates:
 - (1) To ensure the water capital recovery fee corresponds proportionately to the demand for capacity for each customer, water capital recovery fees shall be based on an equivalent residential unit ("ERU") basis and according to a schedule established by the city manager and maintained in the office of the city clerk. An ERU is defined as 300 gallons per day. In the event a customer does not easily fit within the schedule established by the city manager, he or she shall use his or her best judgment to determine where in the schedule the customer fits and require the fee corresponding to that determination.
 - (2) The rate per ERU shall be determined by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk.
 - (3) The city manager, or designee, may waive the water capital recovery fee if it meets certain criteria as set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 54.

Section 24-51 (b) of Article II, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(b) The owner, or his agent, of a building undergoing new construction or repair or renovation who is entitled to an exemption as specified in subsections (a)(2), (3) or (4) of this section shall obtain the exemption by applying at the office of the building inspector for the city. A fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be charged for the inspection and issuance of such exemption."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b) The owner, or his agent, of a building undergoing new construction or repair or renovation who is entitled to an exemption as specified in subsections (a)(2), (3) or (4) of this section shall obtain the exemption by applying at the office of the building inspector for the city. A fee shall be charged for the inspection and issuance of such exemption. Fees contemplated in this section shall be established by resolution and maintained in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 55.

Section 24-70 of Article III, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

- "(a) The fee for sewer taps shall be calculated on a cost plus basis as established by the city manager. A schedule of these charges shall be made available upon request.
- (b) In the event it is necessary to cut the street pavement in order to make a sewer tap, a charge in addition to those named in subsection (a), on a cost plus basis as established by the city manager, will be made for the purpose of repairing the pavement."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "(a) The fee for sewer taps shall be as established by resolution and on file with the office of the City Clerk.
- (b) In the event it is necessary to cut the street pavement in order to make a sewer tap, a charge in addition to those named in subsection (a), will be made for the purpose of repairing the pavement as established by resolution and on file with the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 56.

Section 24-72 of Article III, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"Effective with the July 10, 2024 billing and continuing each month thereafter is hereby assessed and levied upon each parcel of real property in the City of Dublin on which is located a sewer pipe connected onto the sewer system of the City of Dublin and the owner, residents or tenants of same, a monthly charge for the use and maintenance of the sewer system of the City of Dublin in an amount based on the following formula for all which have water meters:

- (a) The minimum sewer service charge will be twelve dollars and forty cents (\$12.40) for the first two thousand (2,000) gallons of water plus five dollars (\$5.00) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used in excess of the minimum two thousand (2,000) gallons.
- (b) All customers of the sewerage system of the City of Dublin that lie without corporate limits of the City of Dublin shall pay a sewer service fee of twenty-four dollars and eighty cents (\$24.80) for the first two thousand (2,000) gallons of water used plus ten dollars (\$10.00) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used in excess of the minimum two thousand (2,000) gallons.
- (c) All customers of the sewerage system of the City of Dublin that do not purchase water from the City of Dublin shall pay a flat rate as follows:
- (1) All city residents shall pay a flat monthly charge of one hundred-two dollars and forty cents (\$102.40).
- (2) All residents outside the city limits shall pay a flat monthly charge of two hundred four dollars and eighty cents (\$204.80).
- (d) All apartments, mobile home parks, or residences with more than one-family housing, shall pay a sewer service charge as follows:

A minimum charge of twelve dollars and forty cents (\$12.40) for each unit for usage between zero (0) and two thousand (2,000) gallons of water, plus five dollars (\$5.00) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used in excess of two thousand (2,000) gallons.

(e) All apartments, mobile home parks, or residences with more than one-family housing, without the corporate limits of the City of Dublin shall pay a sewer service charge as follows:

A minimum charge of twenty-four dollars and eighty cents (\$24.80) for each unit for usage between zero (0) and two thousand (2,000) gallons, plus ten dollars (\$10.00) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used in excess of two thousand (2,000) gallons.

(f) All industrial wastewater containing constituents, which are in excess of the concentrations set for normal wastewater, as defined in sections 24-62, 24-63, and 24-64, are subject to surcharges. All surcharges will be based upon average unit costs for operation and maintenance of the water pollution control plant and calculated using the customer's average loadings from the previous month. The formulas are as follows:

(1) The B.O.D. surcharge will be:

Annual Budget per year x 0.60	=	Total Cost =\$/lb BOD
BOD lbs/day x 365		BOD lbs/yr

(2) The total Suspended Solids ("TSS") surcharge will be:

Annual Budget per year x 0.40	=	Total Cost =\$/lb TSS
TSS lbs/day x 365		TSS lbs/yr

(3) \$/lb. BOD + TSS x lbs./day × no. days in Month—Total Surcharge."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "(a) There is hereby assessed and levied upon each parcel of real property in the City of Dublin on which is located a sewer pipe connected onto the sewer system of the City of Dublin and the owner, resident(s), or tenants of the same, a monthly charge for the use and maintenance of the sewer system of the City of Dublin in an amount based on a formula established by resolution and on file with the office of the City Clerk.
- (b) All industrial wastewater containing constituents, which are in excess of the concentrations set for normal wastewater, as defined in sections 24-62, 24-63, and 24-64, are subject to surcharges. The surcharge shall be established by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 57.

Section 24-73, titled "Same – Waiver for certain residential users" of Article III, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

- "(a) The sewerage use fee for residential premises shall be waived upon proper notification to the city clerk that all of the following conditions are existing:
 - 1. No type of business or service is provided at the residence.
 - 2. Head of household is aged sixty (60) years or more.
 - 3. Income of head of household from all sources is under three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) per year.
 - 4. Assets besides residence are under five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).
 - 5. No other resident is making any income.
 - 6. No tenants live in the residence.
 - 7. It is not a public housing unit.

- (b) It shall be incumbent upon the city clerk to establish the means to certify the conditions set forth above. The city clerk shall reexamine the qualifications of each household for waiver of the sewerage fee from time to time as necessary.
- (c) Failure to disclose requested information shall be grounds for forfeiture of waiver."

is hereby repealed and reserved.

SECTION 58.

Section 24-74 of Article III, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"All bills for sewer shall be due and payable at the customer service office upon receipt, and if said bills are not paid by 5:00 p.m. on the due date shown on the bill, a ten (10) per cent delinquency penalty shall be added. If said bills are not paid within twenty-five (25) days after the date of the bill, sewer service shall be discontinued without further notice. Provided, however, that when the due date or cut-off date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, said bills shall become due, said penalty shall attach or said service shall be discontinued on the next succeeding business day after the due date or cut-off date."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"All bills for sewer shall be due and payable at the customer service office and if said bills are not paid by 5:00 p.m. on the due date shown on the bill, a delinquency penalty shall be added. If said bills are not paid within twenty-five (25) days after the date of the bill, sewer service shall be discontinued without further notice. Provided, however, that when the due date or cut-off date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, said bills shall become due, said penalty shall attach, or said service shall be discontinued on the next succeeding business day after the due date or cut-off date. Penalties contemplated herein shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 59.

Section 24-76 of Article III, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

- "(a) Every new connection to the city's sewer utility and every upgrade in connection to the city's sewer utility shall require the payment by the customer of a sewer capital recovery fee as provided herein to cover the city's capital costs associated with maintaining and operating and expanding the city's sewer utility.
- (b) Payment of the sewer capital recovery fee shall be made to the city by the customer at the time of the request for or application for new, increased capacity, or additional sewer services. Customers shall also pay a sewer capital recovery fee when their existing sewer service tap is inadequate to carry the volume of wastewater desired and the sewer service tap size is increased. All users, except as otherwise provided herein, shall be subject to payment of the sewer capital recovery fee, regardless of the location of the service tap. In all cases when a sewer capital recovery fee is due and payable to the city, said fee shall be paid before the sewer service is made available to the customer.
- (c) Once a customer has paid a sewer capital recovery fee to the city, it shall not be refunded.
- (d) Sewer Capital Recovery Fee Rates:
 - 1. To ensure the sewer capital recovery fee corresponds proportionately to the demand for capacity for each customer, sewer capital recovery fees shall be based on an equivalent residential unit ("ERU") basis and according to a schedule established by the city manager and maintained in the office of the city clerk, which may be amended as needed. In the event a customer does not easily fit within the schedule established by the city

- manager, he or she shall use his or her best judgment to determine where in the schedule the customer fits and require the fee corresponding to that determination.
- 2. The rate per ERU shall be determined by resolution or ordinance of the mayor and council.
- 3. The city manager may waive the sewer capital recovery fee if the following criteria are met:
 - i. The customer is seeking sewer service or additional capacity for the construction of a single-family residential home or for the rehabilitation of an existing single-family home; and
 - ii. The location of the proposed service is within an area designated by the most recent population data from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs where the residents of the area designated have a low to moderate income level of fifty one (51) per cent or more; and
 - iii. The location of the proposed service is within the city's urban redevelopment area; and
 - iv. The location of the proposed service is within an area that has had less than average building permits issued for the area when compared to the city as a whole; and
 - v. The location of the proposed service is within an area that has a significant number of vacant and undeveloped lots and/or lots with dilapidated or blighted properties.

The city manager's determination of these criteria shall be in writing and signed by the city manager on a form generated by the city clerk including the criteria listed above and maintained in the office of the city clerk."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "(a) Every new connection or upgrade in connection to the city's sewer utility and every expansion of or addition to any facility or change in use which requires an increased demand served by the city's sewer utility shall require the payment by the customer of a sewer capital recovery fee as provided herein to cover the city's capital costs associated with maintaining and operating and expanding the city's sewer utility.
- (b) Payment of the sewer capital recovery fee shall be made to the city by the customer at the time of the request for or application for new, increased capacity, or additional sewer services. Customers shall also pay a sewer capital recovery fee when their existing sewer service tap is inadequate to carry the volume of wastewater desired and the sewer service tap size is increased. All users, except as otherwise provided herein, shall be subject to payment of the sewer capital recovery fee, regardless of the location of the service tap. In all cases when a sewer capital recovery fee is due and payable to the city, said fee shall be paid before the sewer service is made available to the customer.
- (c) Once a customer has paid a sewer capital recovery fee to the city, it shall not be refunded.
- (d) Sewer Capital Recovery Fee Rates:
 - 1. To ensure the sewer capital recovery fee corresponds proportionately to the demand for capacity for each customer, sewer capital recovery fees shall be based on an equivalent residential unit ("ERU") basis and according to a schedule established by resolution and maintained in the office of the City Clerk. An ERU is defined as 300 gallons per day. In the event a customer does not easily fit within the established schedule, he or she shall use his or her best judgment to determine where in the schedule the customer fits and require the fee corresponding to that determination. The capital recovery fee is based upon the maximum number of ERU that will be used by the development in a 24-hour period.

- 2. The rate per ERU shall be determined by resolution and maintained in the office of the City Clerk.
- 3. The city manager, or designee, may waive the sewer capital recovery fee if it meets certain criteria as set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 60.

Section 24-84 of Article III, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"Before commencement of construction of a private sewage disposal system, the owner shall first obtain a written permit signed by the superintendent. The application for such permit shall be made on a form furnished by the city, which the applicant shall supplement by any plans, specifications and other information as are deemed necessary by the superintendent. A permit and the inspection fee in an amount determined by the city manager shall be paid to the city at the time the application is filed."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Before commencement of construction of a private sewage disposal system, the owner shall first obtain a written permit from the city. The application for such permit shall contain any plans, specifications, and other information as are deemed necessary by the city. The applicant shall pay an inspection fee in an amount determined by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 61.

Section 24-100 of Article III, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"All required permit and inspection fees shall be paid to the city at the time the application is filed. In cases where no fee is specified by ordinance or schedule, the city manager shall set a fee."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"All required permit and inspection fees shall be determined by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 62.

Section 24-124 of Article IV, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

- "(a) A deposit of forty dollars (\$40.00) shall be required for all new residential and small commercial firm gas customers with a good credit rating from a past utility and for all residential and small commercial firm gas customers transferring their accounts. After twenty-four (24) consecutive months of service with no delinquency, any gas utility deposit for a residential customer shall be automatically refunded by the city.
- (b) A gas deposit of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) shall be required from any current or former customer or transferee of the City of Dublin utilities that has had utility services terminated for nonpayment three (3) times within any twelve-month period or has paid three (3) late payments during any previous twelve-month period, and from new customers who do not have a good credit report from a credit reporting bureau or provide written evidence of a good payment reference from their previous utility.
- (c) An estimated three (3) months' demand charge or two hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$297.00), whichever is greater, shall be required for large commercial and small industrial gas

customers. An estimated two (2) months' bill shall be required for industrial customers using gas under the interruptible rate."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "(a) A deposit shall be required for all gas customers.
- (b) After twenty-four (24) consecutive months of service with no delinquency, any gas utility deposit for a residential customer shall be automatically refunded by the city.
- (c) Fees and deposits contemplated herein shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 63.

Section 24-125 of Article IV, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"The following base rates shall be charged for residential, commercial and interruptible gas service to all customers served from Dublin gas distribution system. There shall be a monthly base charge of nine dollars and fifty cents (\$9.50) per equipment replacement cost, (ERC), for all natural gas users where the ERC factors by the meter size. The minimum base rate charge will be nine dollars and fifty cents (\$9.50) times the ERC factor listed below according to meter size.

Meter Size		Factor
(in cubic feet)		
275	\$9.50	1.00
415	\$14.25	1.50
750	\$17.10	1.80
1000	\$20.90	2.20
1500	\$23.75	2.50
2000	\$33.25	3.50
3000	\$42.75	4.50
5000	\$71.25	7.50
7000	\$304.00	32.00
10,000	\$332.50	35.00
14,000	\$380.00	40.00
35,000	\$427.50	45.00

The following rates shall be charged for residential and commercial gas service within and without the city:

- 1. Minimum charge for all consumption, per 100 cubic feet\$9.50
- 2. At any time, the price of gas, inside FERC, SPOT MARKET or the City of Dublin's WACOG (weighted average cost of gas), increase to within a net of forty cents (\$0.40) per CCF of the above rate as in subsection 24-125(3), a volumetric rate is used to calculate all consumption. That rate is based on SPOT MARKET or the City of Dublin's WACOG (weighted average cost of gas), plus forty cents (\$0.40) per CCF distribution charge, plus tax.
- 3. The gas rates for residential premises shall be discounted twenty (20) per cent per household upon proper notification to the city clerk that all of the following conditions are existing:
 - a) No type of business or service is provided at the residence.
 - b) Head of household is age sixty-two (62) years or more.
 - c) Only one (1) person in household and income from all sources is more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) but less than eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) per year, or only two (2) persons in household and income from all sources is more than six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00), but less than twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) per year.

- d) Assets besides residence are under ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).
- e) No tenants live in residence.
- f) Residence is not a public housing or subsidized housing unit.
- 4. The Georgia State sales tax, applicable local option sales tax and any applicable franchise fee, is to be added to all bills except those exempt by law."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Rates and fees for all natural residential, commercial, and interruptible gas service shall be established by resolution on file in the office of the City Clerk.

SECTION 64.

Section 24-125.1 (5) of Article IV, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(5) *Monthly charges*. The sales price of gas will be comprised of the following components for all firm base load and interruptible quantities of gas:

Commodity price: The price for all natural gas scheduled prior to the beginning of the month (scheduled quantities) shall be defined as the spot market index price for gas delivered to Southern as published in the first of the Month "Inside FERC's Gas Market Report" plus any applicable supplier charges (index premium) for scheduled quantities. In the event such index price is unavailable, the rate shall be derived from a mutually agreed upon source. For any quantities of natural gas scheduled by customer which are in excess of the scheduled quantities the price shall be "Gas Daily" price for gas delivered to Southern as reported in "Platt's Gas Daily, Daily Price Survey"; or a fixed price mutually agreed to by both parties.

- a) Pipeline fuel cost. For All quantities, the rate for fuel retention will reflect the effective cost of Southern Natural's ("Southern") percentage of fuel retained as allowed for in their tariff.
- b) Pipeline transportation charge and supplier surcharges. For all firm base load quantities, pipeline transportation is included in the delivered cost to the city gate of the seller. For interruptible quantities, the interstate pipeline transportation charges for these quantities shall consist of a summer charge and a winter charge as follows:

i. Summer:	April through September	\$0.36 / MMBtu
ii. Winter:	October through March	\$0.4887 / MMBtu

Both firm base load quantities and interruptible quantities will be subject to seller's supplier surcharges. Total firm base load monthly quantities will be determined as those firm base load quantities times the number of days in the month; the balance of usage will be considered "interruptible" quantities.

- c) Distribution fee. The distribution fee will be calculated monthly for each meter on the load of the customer's facilities located on seller's natural gas system, and will be:
 - A flat monthly fee of three thousand eight hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$3,825.00) for all usage from O MMBtu to and including forty-two thousand, five hundred (42,500) MMBtu.
 - ii. All usage from forty-two thousand, five hundred and one (42,501) MMBtu and above shall be billed at a rate of \$0.085 per MMBtu.
- d) Taxes. All applicable taxes will be billed to the customer.
- e) Payment default remedies. Upon any failure to pay any amount due and owing to seller from customer hereunder or otherwise during the term of any natural gas facilities agreement, contract obligation, or optional fixed price period ("defaulted obligation term"), seller may in its sole discretion:
 - i. Declare any amounts then payable or amounts to be payable during any defaulted obligation term to be immediately accelerated, due, and payable without

- presentment, demand, protest, or other notice of any kind, all of which are expressly waived, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding;
- ii. Terminate the agreement and any other right of the customer to supply hereunder; and/or
- iii. Exercise any and all of its rights under any and all of the security documents.

The rights and remedies of the seller under this tariff will be cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies which it or they would otherwise have at law or in equity. In exercising such rights and remedies the seller may be selective and no failure or delay by the seller in exercising any right will operate as a waiver of it, nor will any single or partial exercise of any power or right preclude its other or further exercise or the exercise of any other power or right."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "(5) Monthly charges. Rates, fees, and charges shall be determined by resolution and on file with the City Clerk.
- (6) Payment default remedies. Payment default remedies. Upon any failure to pay any amount due and owing to seller from customer hereunder or otherwise during the term of any natural gas facilities agreement, contract obligation, or optional fixed price period ("defaulted obligation term"), seller may in its sole discretion:
 - iv. Declare any amounts then payable or amounts to be payable during any defaulted obligation term to be immediately accelerated, due, and payable without presentment, demand, protest, or other notice of any kind, all of which are expressly waived, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding;
 - v. Terminate the agreement and any other right of the customer to supply hereunder; and/or
 - vi. Exercise any and all of its rights under any and all of the security documents.
- (7) The rights and remedies of the seller under this tariff will be cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies which it or they would otherwise have at law or in equity. In exercising such rights and remedies the seller may be selective and no failure or delay by the seller in exercising any right will operate as a waiver of it, nor will any single or partial exercise of any power or right preclude its other or further exercise or the exercise of any other power or right."

SECTION 65.

Section 24-127 (c) of Article IV, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"(c) Rate. The rate will be comprised of the following components.

Monthly base service charge: The minimum base rate charge will be nine dollars and fifty cents (\$9.50) times the ERC factor listed above according to meter size.

- 1. Commodity charges. Spot market index price as posted in "Inside FERC's Gas Market Report" for deliveries into Southern Natural or the City of Dublin's WACOG (weighted average cost of gas) for the month.
- 2. Fuel recovery. Recovery of Southern Natural's pipeline fuel charge.
- 3. Interstate pipeline transportation. Southern Natural zone 3 interruptible transportation plus applicable pipeline surcharges and balancing charges.
- 4. City distribution fee.

Monthly Consumption	Per MMBtu
First 2,000 MMBtu	\$1.13
Next 3,000 MMBtu	\$1.08
Next 5,000 MMBtu	\$0.97
All usage from 10,000 to 20,000 MMBtu	\$0.86

All usage from 20,000 to 30,000 MMBtu	\$0.50
All usage from 30,000 to 40,000 MMBtu	\$0.35
Over 40,000 is negotiable with City Manager	\$0.00

5. Sales tax, if applicable."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(c) Rate. Fees and rates shall be determined by resolution and on file with the City Clerk."

SECTION 66.

Section 24-136 of Article IV, located within Chapter 24, titled Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"All bills for gas shall be due and payable at the customer service office upon receipt, and if said bills are not paid by 5:00 p.m. on the due date shown on the bill, a ten (10) per cent delinquency penalty shall be added. If said bills are not paid within twenty-five (25) days after the date of the bill, gas service shall be discontinued without further notice. Provided, however, that when the due date or cut-off date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, said bills shall become due, said penalty shall attach or said service shall be discontinued on the next succeeding business day after the due date or cut-off date."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"All bills for gas shall be due and payable at the customer service office and if said bills are not paid by 5:00 p.m. on the due date shown on the bill, a delinquency penalty shall be added. If said bills are not paid within twenty-five (25) days after the date of the bill, gas service shall be discontinued without further notice. Provided, however, that when the due date or cut-off date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, said bills shall become due, said penalty shall attach, or said service shall be discontinued on the next succeeding business day after the due date or cut-off date. Penalties contemplated herein shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 67.

Section 7A.2 of Article 7A, located within Appendix A, titled Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"Application forms for conditional use permits shall be obtained from the City Clerk's Office. The form shall be accompanied by detailed plans showing exact lot size; location and size of buildings; structure or improvements to be placed on site; the specific use of each building, structure, property or part thereof; detailed arrangement of required parking spaces; location of means of ingress and egress and, when necessary, topographical information to indicate status of the complete site. The same detailed information shall be required where existing structures are to be used or altered under the term of this article. All applications for a Conditional Use Permit shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission within thirty (30) days of the date of application and the applicant shall be provided with either a written notice of approval or denial, except that this time may be extended where the applicant agrees in writing to a waiver of this provision. Notices of permit denial shall include a statement of reasons for denial. All conditional use permits shall be accompanied by a seventy-five-dollar fee payable to the city to defray the cost of processing."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Application forms for conditional use permits shall be obtained from the city. The form shall be accompanied by detailed plans showing exact lot size; location and size of buildings; structure or improvements to be placed on site; the specific use of each building, structure, property or part thereof; detailed arrangement of required parking spaces; location of means of ingress and egress

and, when necessary, topographical information to indicate status of the complete site. The same detailed information shall be required where existing structures are to be used or altered under the term of this article. All applications for a Conditional Use Permit shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission within forty-five (45) days of the date of application and the applicant shall be provided with either a written notice of approval or denial, except that this time may be extended where the applicant agrees in writing to a waiver of this provision. Notices of permit denial shall include a statement of reasons for denial. All conditional use permits shall be accompanied by a fee payable to the city. Fees contemplated herein shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk."

SECTION 68.

Section 11.4 of Article 11, located within Appendix A, titled Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, which currently reads:

"An application to amend this ordinance shall be accompanied by a fee payable to the city clerk to defray the cost of processing and required advertising fees:

Zoning Map Amendments for (variance, annexation, rezoning, conditional use, etc.)\$150.00

Text Amendments150.00

Advertising Fees (subject to applicable rate charged by the Legal Organ.)

A fee shall not be charged for applications initiated by the City Council or the Planning Commission."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"An application to amend this ordinance shall be accompanied by a fee payable to the city. Requests for zoning verification and requests for boundary survey review and approval may be made to the city upon the payment of a fee for the same. Fees contemplated herein shall be set by resolution and on file in the office of the City Clerk. A fee shall not be charged for applications initiated by the City Council or the Planning Commission."

SEVERABILITY: If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall become effective at 12:00 noon on the fifth day after its adoption.

REPEALER: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SO ORDAINED this 18 day of <u>September</u>, 2025 by a vote of (5) FOR and () AGAINST.

CITY OF DUBLIN, GEORGIA:

Mayor

City Clerk

(SEAL)