

**MINUTES OF BOC WORK SESSION
COBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 28, 2025
1:30 PM**

The Work Session of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners was held at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at the David Hankerson Building, 100 Cherokee Street, Marietta, Georgia, in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room. Present and comprising a quorum of the Board were:

Chairwoman Lisa Cupid
Commissioner Erick Allen – arrived at 1:31 p.m.
Commissioner JoAnn Birrell
Commissioner Keli Gambrell
Commissioner Monique Sheffield

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Cupid called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

1. To present information regarding recommended amendments to the Cobb County Code.

Debbie Blair, Deputy County Attorney and the following staff presented information regarding the recommended amendments to the Cobb County Code, Part I Chapters 2 (Administration), 10 (Animals), 18 (Building Regulations), 22 (Cable and Video Service Providers; State Franchise Holders), 50 (Environment), 54 (Fire Prevention and Protection), 83 (Nuisances), 86 (Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions), 102 (Solid Waste), 106 (Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places), 110 (Subdivisions), 114 (Taxation), and 122 (Utilities):

- Roger Ball, Procurement Services Director, Laurie Myler, Senior Associate County Attorney, and Bill Volckmann, Chief Financial Officer - Chapter 2 (Administration)
- Stephen Hammond, Animal Services Director - Chapter 10 (Animals)
- Kevin Gobble, Chief Building Official - Chapter 18 (Building Regulations)
- Ross Cavitt, Communications Director - Chapter 22 (Cable and Video Service Providers; State Franchise Holders)
- Debbie Blair, Deputy County Attorney - Chapters 50-258 (Enumeration of prohibited noises) and 114 (Taxation)
- Carl Crumbley, Deputy Fire Chief - Chapter 54 (Fire Prevention and Protection)
- Ben Cohen, Deputy Police Chief - Chapter 86 (Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions)
- Kimberly White, Chief Sustainability Officer - Chapter 102 (Solid Waste)
- Jonathan Yee, Deputy Director, DOT - Chapter 106 (Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places)
- Judy Jones, Water System Director - Chapters 50 (Environment), 110 (Subdivisions), and 122 (Utilities)

A copy of the information presented is attached and made a part of these minutes.

No official action was taken by the Board.

2. To present information on establishing a stormwater utility to change the Water System's method for charging for stormwater services from a fee based on water and sewer consumption to a fee based on impervious surface area.

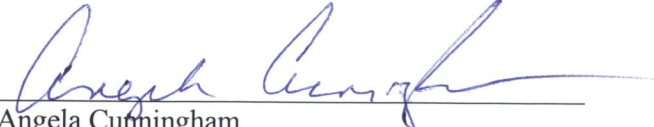
Judy Jones, Water System Agency Director, presented information on establishing a stormwater utility to change the Water System's method for charging for stormwater services from a fee based on water and sewer consumption to a fee based on impervious surface area.

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No official action was taken by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



Angela Cunningham
Deputy County Clerk
Cobb County Board of Commissioners

2025 Code Amendments

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORK SESSION

OCTOBER 28, 2025

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Chapter 2

ADMINISTRATION

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Sec. 2-141. – Advertising for bids; bid openings.

- Change Purchasing to Procurement Services
- Add list of exceptions
- Add references to State law

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Sec. 2-142. – Formal sealed bid limit; Purchases exceeding formal sealed bid limit made by the procurement services department.

- Change Purchasing to Procurement Services
- Change section title to reference formal sealed bid limit
- Define and increase formal sealed bid limit to \$250,000
(in line with State of GA Public Works law)
- Add references to State law

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Chapter 10

ANIMALS

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Sec. 10-51. – Membership

This year Atlanta Humane Society acquired/absorbed the Cobb County Humane Society into their organization. Therefore, we have proposed the ordinance be changed to reflect that change. Currently, they are maintaining a shelter in Cobb County with limited resources.

The Cobb County Animal Services Board shall consist of the following: One member of the Atlanta Humane Society of Cobb County board of directors or its designee (post 1); three interested citizens who have interest in domestic animals (posts 2, 3, 4); two veterinarians, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Cobb County Veterinary Medical Society (posts 5, 6); and one citizen chosen by the Chairman or Chairwoman of the Board of Commissioners (post 7). Members of the Animal Services Board shall adopt procedures and policies to govern potential conflicts of interest arising from the responsibilities and duties of their positions.

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Sec. 10-67. – Period of Impoundment or Confinement

With the increasing numbers of animals entering the shelter system, overcrowding is inevitable. This year we have taken in over 6,200 animals, putting us on track for more than 8,000 animals to enter the shelter this year. Most stray animals entering the shelter have no microchip or other form of identifying the owner. Even though our average length of stay is 12.3 days, well below the national average, we find ourselves beyond our safe capacity most of the year. Therefore, we have proposed the flexibility to alter the impoundment or confinement period during a State of Emergency, as declared by the Board of Commissioners, or periods of overcrowding. This change would give us the ability to reduce hold periods from the current 5 working days to three working days.

Additionally, we have proposed altering the time impoundment or confinement starts from the following day to the current day and time of impoundment. The current system unnecessarily adds up to two additional days to the period of confinement placing other animals in jeopardy of euthanization for space.

Sec. 10-67. – Period of Impoundment or Confinement (continued)

All periods specified in this section shall be deemed to commence at ~~12:01 a.m. of the day following the day the~~ time of impoundment or confinement.

Other than those dogs confiscated under sections 10-13(c), 10-97, or 10-121.7, all impounded animals shall be kept at the animal shelter for a period of not less than five working days unless redeemed within such period.

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (b), the CCAS Director is authorized to reduce the period of confinement or impoundment to not less than three working days unless redeemed within such period during:

- a State of Emergency, as declared by the Board of Commissioners, or
- periods of CCAS shelter overcrowding.

For the purposes of this paragraph, overcrowding shall mean when, in the judgment of the Director, the number of animals within the CCAS shelter pose a risk to the health, safety, or welfare of the animals themselves, CCAS staff, or both. The Director's determination as to overcrowding shall be based on factors such as available kennel space, staffing levels, animal well-being indicators, and disease control considerations.

Sec. 10-135. – Selling/giving away of animals; use of animals as prizes

During the 2025 legislative period, House Bill 331 (commonly known as the roadside pet sale bill), prohibits the unregulated transfer of pets (dogs, cats, rabbits) in public spaces to include, roadsides, public rights-of-way, public or commercial parking lots, sidewalks, parks, flea markets and other transient or outdoor markets, and outdoor recreational areas. This was codified in state law, but no provision was made to allow non-sworn officers, like our animal services officers, to enforce the provisions. Therefore, we are proposing amending the current section 10-135 to include the provisions of HB 331 so we may enforce via a county ordinance violation. Otherwise only the police departments would be able to enforce the law.

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Sec. 10-135. – Selling/giving away of animals; use of animals as prizes (continued)

~~Selling or giving away animals in front of or on private property or public property, other than the animal owner's property, without the owner's permission, is prohibited. A licensed rescue group, licensed animal shelter, licensed veterinarian, licensed pet dealer, or licensed humane society which has all required governmental licenses, registrations and has obtained permission from the owner of the business or property, may sell or give away animals on private or public property, including but not limited to: retail stores, businesses, flea markets, yard sales and CCAS property.~~

For purposes of this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Consideration' means anything of value, including, but not limited to, cash, credit, electronic payment, services, or any type of property or interest in property. A transaction shall be deemed to be 'for consideration' if it occurs in connection with any payment of consideration or other commercial transaction, including, but not limited to, a sale, adoption, rehoming, lease, trade, exchange, swap, or barter transaction.

(2) 'Transfer' means a transaction in which for consideration a dog, cat, or domestic rabbit, or any interest in any such animal, is exchanged, offered to be exchanged, or advertised for a commercial purpose.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the transfer of any dog, cat, or domestic rabbit at any roadside, public right of way, parkway, median, public or commercial parking lot or sidewalk, park, recreation area, fair, flea market, or a similar transient market or outdoor location, regardless of whether such activity is otherwise authorized by any person or entity.

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Sec. 10-135. – Selling/giving away of animals; use of animals as prizes (continued)

(c) This Code section shall not apply to:

(1) The transfer of any dog, cat, or domestic rabbit by a person or entity that has and produces upon request, whether in paper, electronic, or other form, a valid animal shelter license issued by the State;

(2) Any transfer that takes place at a residence or inside of a veterinarian's office or other business establishment;

(3) The transfer of any dog, cat, or domestic rabbit by a paid entrant as part of an event or show sanctioned by a national breed club or association, 4-H program, or similar agricultural exhibition; or

(4) The prearranged transfer between a dog, cat, or domestic rabbit seller and a specific purchaser that takes place at a police department, sheriff's office, or other similar law enforcement facility during daylight hours, unless otherwise prohibited.

(d) A CCAS animal services officer is authorized to enforce the provisions of this Code section and to impound any animal subject to a transfer in violation of this Code section.

(e) A person found guilty of violating this Code section shall be subject to a fine not to exceed:

(1) For the first offense, \$100.00;

(2) For the second offense, \$250.00; and

(3) For a third or subsequent offense, \$500.00.

State Law Reference – Unlawful transfer of certain domestic animals O.C.G.A. § 4-11-10.1

Chapter 18

BUILDING REGULATIONS

Sec. 18-28. Authorization for Technical Assistance in Building Code Compliance

- The Chief Building Official is authorized to require owners to bear the cost of engineering analyses, technical opinions, reports, or other determinations of code compliance as deemed necessary for the design, operation, or use of any building.
- Such reports shall be prepared by qualified professionals acceptable to the Chief Building Official.
- The Chief Building Official may enter into retainer agreements to fix scopes of service and hourly compensation rates for technical assistance providers.
- The costs incurred for this technical assistance shall be collected as part of the permit fee and shall be passed directly through to the applicant.

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Section 18-301.1. – Swimming Pool Contractor

- No person or entity shall begin construction of a pool or spa without first obtaining a Cobb County permit.
- Cobb County will require all pool contractors to have a general contractors license or an approved pool builder certification to acquire a pool permit.
- The Chief Building Official can approve a pool builder certification.
- Applicants for a pool permit shall submit all necessary documentation.

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Chapter 22

CABLE AND VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDERS; STATE FRANCHISE
HOLDERS

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Sec. 22. – New Chapter to codify Cobb County Rights over State Franchised Cable Service Providers and Video Service Providers

- This is the result of the county's largest cable TV provider moving to a state franchise.
- This essentially puts into the county code what was contained in the local franchise agreement.
- Maintains the county's control over the use of the right-of-way by entities providing cable TV and video services.
- The county will continue to receive franchise fees; this will not affect those collections.

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Chapter 50

ENVIRONMENT

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Sec. 50-258. – Enumeration of prohibited noises.

Prohibits use of consumer fireworks within 200 yards of a facility housing equines, in accordance with new state legislation

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Chapter 18

BUILDING (FMO)

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Sec. 18-361 – Blasting permit issuance; standard permit conditions.

New requirement: At least 14 days before any blasting begins, the blaster must **notify the surrounding community**:

Post a weatherproof sign at the site entrance with the expected blasting dates, contact information, and a brief description of the activity (to alert passersby).

Send written notice by certified mail to all property owners with buildings within 1,000 feet of the blast site, including the planned start date, how long blasting will continue, and contact info for the blaster.

Keep records of the posted sign and mailed notices (photos of the sign and mail receipts) and provide these to the Fire Marshal upon request.

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Chapter 54

FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

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Sec. 54-26. – Established; designated as fire department.

Removed the hard-coded list of municipalities (“Acworth, Kennesaw, and Powder Springs”).

Added general authority for the fire department to provide fire protection to any municipality in Cobb County through an intergovernmental agreement under the County’s constitutional amendment.

Added a cross-reference sentence clarifying that all references to “code,” “chapter,” or “code section” in this chapter mean Chapter 54 of the Official Code of Cobb County, Georgia, unless otherwise stated.

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Sec. 54-51. – Life safety certificate of occupancy requirement

Updated agency reference: CO enforcement handled by the Community Development Agency (replaces “building department”).

Simplified (g): removed the carve-out for assembly, storage, and industrial occupancies; rule now applies generally.

Added cross-reference: “substantial renovation (as defined in subsection (i)).”

Process clarified: if only the owner/business name changes and a valid CO exists, submit a Notice of Information Change to the Fire Marshal’s Office.

New CO language: the Fire Marshal will not issue a new CO unless required by the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards; when required, a joint CO or fire-only CO may be issued.

Deleted location-specific language (unincorporated Cobb, Acworth, Kennesaw, Powder Springs) for a uniform countywide approach.

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Sec. 54-51. – Life safety certificate of occupancy requirement (continued 1)

(h) Deleted: location-specific language (unincorporated Cobb, Acworth, Kennesaw, Powder Springs) and made a uniform rule countywide.

(h) Clarified: that a new CO will not be issued for subleases unless required by the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards; when required, the fire marshal may issue a joint CO or fire-only CO.

(i) Rewrote: the definition of “substantial renovation” to a clear, cost-based test: the cost of construction exceeds the structure’s assessed value at the time of renovation (removes the “exits or internal features” language).

Added: a definition of “fire or other hazard of serious consequence,” covering incidents/conditions (e.g., fire, structural damage, environmental contamination, system failure) that require substantial renovation to restore the building to a safe, occupiable condition.

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Sec. 54-51. – Life safety certificate of occupancy requirement (continued 2)

(j) Renovation redefined: Clear, activity-based list—removing/adding walls, doors, or windows; any electrical or plumbing work requiring a permit; and structural modifications/alterations to the building or its systems. Removed vague “work involving structural components” wording.

Penalties & Enforcement added:

- Occupying without a valid Fire Marshal CO (when required) = ordinance violation.
- If the compliance deadline passes without a CO → citation requiring court appearance.
- Max penalty (per state law): up to \$1,000 and/or 6 months jail.
- Each instance is a separate violation; penalties don’t excuse or allow it to continue.
- Notice of violation sets a compliance timeframe; may be served by personal service, mail, or process server.

Exemptions

- **One- and two-family dwellings**, including townhouses separated by a two-hour fire wall.
- **In-home day care (≤5 clients)** in one-/two-family dwellings.
- **Home-based businesses not open to the public** operating from one-/two-family dwellings.

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Sec. 54-51.1 – Expiration of approval; inactivity; renewal; inspections.

Updated appeals path for voided approvals: directs appeals to the Fire Appeals Board under **Sec. 54-121.**

Removed: outdated reference to “Article IX of Chapter 54.”

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Sec. 54-52. – International Fire Code adopted.

Removed: reference to adopting IFC “under Sec. 54-54” and the explicit adoption of IFC Ch.1 §§103, 105, 108–112.

Added: Section 112.4 amended to read as follows

Added: Definition of “stop work order”—official notice by the Fire Marshal’s Office requiring immediate cessation of construction activity, any change of occupancy, or use of a building/space when in violation, unsafe, or lacking required permits/approvals (as specified in the order).

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Sec. 54-53. – Reinspection fees

Added: “Appeals may be taken to the fire appeals board.”

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Sec. 54-54. – State minimum standards adopted.

Updated citation: replaces "O.C.G.A. tit. 25, ch. 2" with "O.C.G.A. § 25-2-1 et seq."

Added: "may provide fire protection to citizens of municipalities in Cobb County through intergovernmental agreement."

Removed: the specific list of cities Acworth, Kennesaw, and Powder Springs.

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Sec. 54-54.1 – Tanks

(1)–(4), (6) Removed: the lead-in phrase "Section 54-54.1". Added: "This code section ..." in each item.

(6) Added: "This code section shall apply in any instance where the State Fire Marshal's Office does not have permitting authority or has not issued a permit."

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Sec. 54-55. – Enforcement; establishment and duties of bureau of fire prevention; authority of fire marshal.

(a) Removed: “in the fire department of the county which is hereby established.”

(a) Added: “and which shall be operated under the supervision of the chief of the fire department.”

(a) Added: “References to the fire marshal shall mean the fire marshal of Cobb County, unless stated otherwise.”

(d) Removed: Entire municipal-enforcement subsection (Acworth, Kennesaw, Powder Springs; contracts, municipal courts, and parity-with-state-standards provisions).

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Sec. 54-56. – Definitions in fire prevention code.

(1) Added: “municipalities in Cobb County for which the County provides services by intergovernmental agreement.

Removed: the specific city list “Acworth, Kennesaw, and Powder Springs.”

(7) Added: “or adopted by state law” to the definition of “Fire Code.”

Removed: dual adoption of NFPA 1 and the International Fire Code and the sentence assigning conflict resolution to the Fire Marshal.

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Sec. 54-59. – Hydrant obstruction and hydrant maintenance

Added: Keep flow test records on premises with maintenance records.

Added: Require a weather-resistant tag on each hydrant showing inspection date, responsible company, and operational status.

Added color system: Green = no deficiencies/fully operational; Yellow = deficiencies found but functional; Red = non-operational/will not function as intended.

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Sec. 54-60. – Fire hydrant installation for existing apartment complexes.

(a) Updated text: replaced “Cobb County Development Standards” with applicable development standards (as enforced by CCFES).

Removed: former (b) Time period for submitting site plans, including the notice/“Intent to Comply” process and items a–d (contacts, acknowledgments, projected completion date, and one-year submittal).

Removed: former (c) Time period for compliance (three-year compliance window).

Removed: former (d) Flow rates for compliance tied to the retroactive program.

Added/renumbered: (b) Flow rates allow the Fire Marshal to accept alternatives or deemed-equivalent measures when documentation shows meeting minimum fire-flow rates would require overly burdensome steps by the owner.

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Sec. 54-87. – Enforcement and penalties.

Added: “or municipality” (fire marshal may apply to superior court on behalf of the county or municipality).

Removed: “The certificate issued by the county fire marshal shall be revoked upon the date specified in such order.”

Added: “may revoke the permit of any person failing to comply with an order issued pursuant to this subsection upon the date specified in such order.”

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Sec. 54-93. – Powers and duties of fire marshal, delegation of authority.

Removed: subsection (e) conflict clause: “In the event of any conflict between this code and the state minimum fire safety standards as adopted by the state, the more stringent code shall apply.”

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Sec. 54-93. – Fire protection sprinkler systems requirements.

Added: “as defined in Section 54-54(i)” after “substantial renovation.”

Removed: the clause referencing the building/structure’s assessed value at the time of renovation and the triggers for change in classification of occupancy and for fire of serious consequence.

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Sec. 54-94. – Reserved. ~~Fire protection sprinkler system requirements for hotels and dormitories.~~

Removed: Entire section on “Fire protection sprinkler system requirements for hotels and dormitories” removed and section marked “Reserved.”

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Sec. 54-95. – Reserved. ~~Fire protection sprinkler system~~ ~~installation requirements.~~

Removed: Entire section on "Fire protection sprinkler system installation requirements" removed and section marked "**Reserved.**"

Sec. 54-101. – Fire alarm requirements.

Removed: former subsection (c) conflict-of-code clause ("In the event of any conflict... the most stringent code shall apply.")

Renumbered: former (d) → (c); former (e) → (d).

No substantive text edits to the remaining subsections (NICET requirements and plan submittal language unchanged).

Sec. 54-101. – Fire alarm requirements. (continued)

Renumbered: former (f) → (e) (documentation certification & proof with submittals).

Renumbered: former (g) → (f) (inspection/testing/maintenance by NICET or accepted equivalent).

Renumbered: former (h) → (g) (ESA/NTS CFAT Level II accepted as NICET equivalent).

Added: new (h) — annual inspection per NFPA 72; maintenance records submitted to the Fire Marshal's Office with a BOC-approved fee; control-panel tag showing date/company/status; color code: green (no deficiencies), yellow (deficiencies but functional), red (system inoperable); all maintenance by a licensed fire alarm company.

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Sec. 54-103. – Enforcement.

(a) Removed: sentence stating the state minimum fire safety standards "apply to all structures in unincorporated Cobb County except for one- and two-family dwellings."

(b) Added: fees now also apply for failing to obtain and submit proof of a required annual fire alarm inspection (in addition to silencing/resetting without prior approval).

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Sec. 54-114. – Burning prohibitions.

Opening sentence cleaned & broadened: replaced “this section 54-114” with “this section” and removed “of the citizens of unincorporated Cobb County,” so the purpose applies generally to public health, safety, comfort, air quality, and living conditions.

(f) Expanded roadway restriction: added city roads—now reads “Burning is prohibited on the surface of county, city, or private roads and streets.”

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Sec. 54-118. – Penalties

Replaced entire section: prior penalties text repealed and replaced with a new, four-part framework: Declares unauthorized or noncompliant outdoor burning an ordinance violation.

Notice of violation to the property owner with a compliance timeframe; service by personal service, mail, or process server.

- If noncompliance continues, a citation requiring court appearance; maximum penalty up to \$1,000 and/or six months’ imprisonment, as allowed by state law.
- Each violation or failure to comply is a separate ordinance violation; one penalty doesn’t excuse or permit continuing violations.

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Sec. 54-121. – Jurisdiction and appeals.

(e) Appeal language updated: replaces “reviewed by certiorari” with “appealed,” clarifying that Board decisions are final and may only be appealed to the superior court of the county.

Added: the state law reference (O.C.G.A. §§ 36-74-2 through 36-74-29).

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Chapter 86

OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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Sec. 86-2. – Disorderly Conduct

•Added two new definitions of prohibited conduct:

- Cannot enter on the land or vehicles of another unless the owner has provided written approval.
- Cannot litter on public or private property.



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Sec. 86-12. – Prohibited Use of Private Property by Unauthorized Persons

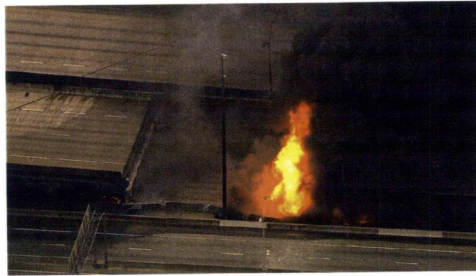
Only owners, leaseholders, or other rightful occupants of property may camp on private property unless the owner or leaseholder provides written permission.



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Sec. 86-13. – Building Fires and Camping in Public Places Prohibited

One cannot camp, sleep, store property, or build fires on public property, unless specifically designated for same, unless county gives written permission.



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Chapter 102

SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING AND RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION

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Article I. General

Section 102-1. – Intent and purpose.

Section 102-3. – Title.

Section 102-4. – Applicability.

- Scope expanded to explicitly include processing and recycling of solid waste and recovered materials.
- Purpose language tightened; adds community-welfare clause.
- Title broadened to include Recycling and Residential Collection .
- Applicability expanded to processing and recycling activities.
- Scope broadened from 'solid waste' to 'municipal solid waste and recovered materials.

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Section 102-5. – Definitions.

- Added: definitions to address residential collections and recycling (ie: bulky waste, collection vehicle, etc.).
- Modified: definitions of certain operating equipment.
- Added: Hard-to-recycle plastics program.
- Clarified: Department structure and Director.
- Modified: Recovered materials & recovered materials processing facility — clarifies recovered materials are not solid waste; refines facility definition and exclusion from 'solid waste handling facility.'
- Modified: Hazardous waste — aligns to 40 C.F.R. Part 261; Appendix VIII (federal language).
- Modified: language used within the code for consistency.

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Section 102-9. – Individual Disposal.

- Clarified: proper locations for self-disposal at permitted facilities.
- Clarified: applicability to all individuals.

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Section 102-10. – Individual Placement and Disposal of Yard Trimmings.

- Clarified: lawful disposal of yard trimmings and MSW (municipal solid waste).

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Section 102-11. – Disposal at Approved Sites Only.

- Clarified: restriction of disposal through residential service provider or at a permitted facility.

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Section 102-12. – Enforcement.

- Clarified: department name from Water to SWB (Sustainability, Waste and Beautification).

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Section 102-14. – Violations and Penalties.

- Added: state law reference.

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Article II. Solid Waste Collection.

Section 102-16. – Change of address

Section 102-51. – Compliance with this article required.

Section 102-52. - Grant or Privilege

Section 102-53. - Commercial Waste Collection, Permit and Registration-Generally.

Section 102-54. - Permit Fee Schedule.

Section 102.55. - Commercial Waste Collection Application for Permit

Section 102.56. - Denial of Application for Issuance of Solid Waste Permit for Commercial Waste Collection.

- Added: recovered materials.
- Clarified: department name.
- Modified: article titles to referenced commercial waste

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Section 102-57. – Transferability or Permit for Commercial Waste Collection.

- Clarified: permit is not assignable.

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Section 102-58. – Revocation and suspension of solid waste permit for commercial waste collection.
Section 102-59. – Same—Procedure; notice; hearing required; "due cause" prerequisite for commercial waste collection.
Section 102-60. – Appeals for Commercial Waste Collections.
Section 102-61. - Temporary Permit for Commercial Waste Collection.
Section 102-62. - Insurance.

- Refines grounds and procedures for permit revocation/suspension (clarifies triggers and process steps).
- Clarified: department name and agency name.
- Clarified: requirement of permit for recycling and residential collection.

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Section 102-64. – Vehicle Requirements.

- Added: identification requirement for waste collectors using rented vehicles.
- Added: compliance with federal, state and local law.

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Section 102-65. – Required provision of residential elective offer of recycling service.

- Modified: title.
- Clarified: hauler duty to offer recycling to eligible accounts.
- Clarified: hauler duty to provide recycling container.
- Defined: recyclable material to be collected in curbside program.

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Section 102-67. – Mandatory Reporting Requirements.

- Clarified: department name.
- Clarified: applicability in unincorporated Cobb County.

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Section 102-69. – Customer's Requirements.

- Added: a third requirement to place recyclables loosely inside of the approved recycling container.

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Section 102-70. – Services required to be performed.

- Deleted: duplicate language within code (see section102-110).
- Clarified: department name.

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Section 102-71. – Hours of collection and Noise Complaints.

- Clarified: department name.
- Updated: title
- Added: suspension of service due to extreme heat (aligned with OSHA Heat Index). Purpose is to ensure timely collection of solid waste during emergencies and hazardous conditions to protect public health and safety.

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Section 102-74. – Reserved.

- Deleted: section in compliance (Georgia law O.C.G.A. s 36 – 1 –16 found unconstitutional).

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Section 102-75. – Penalties.

- Clarified: compliance with federal state and local law.

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Article III. Litter Control

Section 102-91. – Purpose and Title.

Section 102-92. – Littering public or private property or waters.

- Modified: grammar.

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Section 102-96. – Enforcement.

- Clarified: department name and title.

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**Section 102-98. – Monitoring and Coordination of Litter
Abatement in Cobb County.**

Section 102-99. – 102.110. - Reserved

- Added: CSO (Chief Sustainability Officer) responsibility for litter abatement.
- Modified: numbering of reserved articles.

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Article IV. Keep Cobb Beautiful.

Section 102-111. – Created; purpose.

- Clarified: Keep Cobb Beautiful (KCB) name.

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Section 102-112. – Membership.

- Modified: number of KCB board members to accommodate representatives from each municipality within Cobb County.
- Modified: inclusion of all municipalities within Cobb County.

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Section 102-113. – Term of appointment.

- Clarified: criteria for replacement of KCB board members.

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Section 102-114. – Officers; meetings; quorum.

- Modified: meeting locations/times to include in-person, virtual, and phone meetings at a minimum of per quarter and quorums for full board and executive committee.

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Section 102-115. – Bylaws; minutes.

Section 102-116. – Responsibilities.

Section 102-117. – Financial powers limited.

Section 102-118. – Annual report.

Section 102-119. – Termination of projects.

Revised as follows:

- Clarified: KCB name.
- Modified: programming language.

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Chapter 106

STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES

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Sec. 106-10. – Pavement cuts, utility work; permission, restoration, obstructions

- Remove Board approval and add allowance for maintenance activities.
- Allow Department of Transportation to approve utility work on County rights of way.
 - Reflects current practice of DOT approval through utility permits and land disturbance permits (over 2,000 issued annually)

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Sec. 106-11. – Limited access highways

- Codify Board of Commissioners 1994 policy (affirmed in 2002) requiring new access to be approved by the Board
- Limited access highways will be:
 - (1) Barrett Parkway between Cobb Parkway and Powder Springs Road.
 - (2) East West Connector between Powder Springs Road and South Cobb Drive.

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Chapter 114

TAXATION

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Sec. 114-119. – ~~Penalty for violation~~ Failure to pay ad valorem services tax owed.

- Corrects the method for collecting unpaid ad valorem services taxes.
- Remove language stating nonpayment is a misdemeanor and revised to show it will be collected pursuant to state law as all other ad valorem taxes.

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Chapter 50

ENVIRONMENT

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CHAPTER 50

ARTICLE III. – LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITIES

- **Sec. 50-71. – Definitions.**
 - Revises stormwater management special assessments of properties to be specifically for recovering costs incurred by the county for repairs to private stormwater infrastructure.

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CHAPTER 50

ARTICLE IV. - POST-CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT

- **Sec. 50-106.1. - Stormwater management standards.**
 - Adds the definition for trout stream protection as required by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District.
- **Sec. 50-110. - Stormwater management assessment districts.**
 - Revises language for special assessments of properties to be created only for the purpose of recovering costs incurred by the county for repairs to private stormwater infrastructure that create a danger to the public or damage county infrastructure.
- **Sec. 50-111. - Maintenance of stormwater facilities—County owned.**
 - Replaces “Residential” with “County owned” in title.

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CHAPTER 50

ARTICLE IV. - POST-CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT

- **Sec. 50-112. - Maintenance of stormwater facilities—Privately owned.**
 - Changes “commercial/industrial” to “private” or “privately owned” in title and in section.
 - Clarifies that all owners of privately owned stormwater facilities are required to maintain them.
 - Removes the process of taking action against an owner to address nuisances from this section. It is being added to Chapter 83 –Nuisances.
- **Sec. 50-130. - Minimum requirements.**
 - Removes the reference to publicly dedicated stormwater management facilities on final plats.
- **Sec. 50-143. - County participation in development agreement**
 - Deletes that county funds for paying for additional stormwater storage in a new development shall be provided out of the stormwater management assessment, because we have never charged or collected assessments.

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Chapter 83

NUISANCES

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CHAPTER 83

ARTICLE I. – IN REM NUISANCE ABATEMENT

- **Sec. 83-4. - Findings.**
 - Adds improperly maintained stormwater management facilities as part of nuisance abatement.
 - Adds language referencing general nuisance law to be consistent with state law.
- **Sec. 83-5. - Definitions.**
 - Adds references to applicable county codes and the requirements of the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual.
 - Adds the director of the water system or designee to the list of public officers.
- **Sec. 83-6. - Duties of property owners.**
 - Adds the proper maintenance of stormwater management facilities as a duty of the property owner.
- **Sec. 83-7. - Nuisance abatement procedure.**
 - Adds language consistent with state nuisance law.
 - Adds the conditions in which a public officer investigates a nuisance that creates a flooding hazard, erosion, or water contamination.

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Chapter 110

SUBDIVISIONS

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CHAPTER 110

ARTICLE II. - PLATS AND PLAT APPROVAL PROCEDURE

- **Sec. 110-30. - Final plat specifications.**
 - Removes detention pond lots from items to be conveyed to the county as public as part of the final plat.
 - Discontinues county's acceptance of ownership and maintenance of detention ponds in new single-family residential subdivisions.

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CHAPTER 110

ARTICLE III. – SUBDIVISION DESIGN STANDARDS AND REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS

- **Sec. 110-111. - Structural stormwater controls.**
 - Adds the requirement that any stormwater management facility serving more than one property shall be governed by an established property association.
 - Adds the requirement for stormwater management facilities to be included within the declaration of covenants of a development.
 - Adds the requirement for developers to establish an escrow account based on the number of homes for future maintenance of stormwater management facilities for residential developments, in which the facilities are owned by an HOA or held in common by property owners.
 - Prohibits the use of underground detention for residential developments in which the detention facility is owned by an HOA or held in common by property owners.

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Chapter 122

UTILITIES

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CHAPTER 122

ARTICLE II. – WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

- **Sec. 122-57. - Right to enter premises.**
 - Allows county officials to enter properties for the purpose of identifying water service line material to comply with the EPA Lead and Copper Rule.
- **Sec. 122-84. - Miscellaneous charges.**
 - Moves fees for delinquent accounts to amended Sec. 122-89.
 - Cleans up various language in section.
- **Sec. 122-89. - Late fee and delinquency for unpaid, past due invoiced accounts.**
 - Updates language to be consistent with current Water System procedures for late and delinquent accounts.
 - Deletes the amount of the late fee, because that is specified in the Water System's rate schedule approved by the BOC.

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CHAPTER 122

ARTICLE II. – WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

- **Sec. 122-126. Wastewater lift station.**
 - Clarifies Water System's long-standing position of not supporting public lift stations being built for a new development by explicitly stating that developers shall not provide wastewater service to new development with a public lift station.
 - Discontinues approval of wastewater lift stations for new single-family residential subdivisions.
 - Revises conditions for the use of a private lift stations serving multiple non-residential properties.
- **Sec. 122-130. - Sewer considerations for new developments.**
 - Clarifies when gravity sewer shall be provided for new developments and when septic systems may be utilized.
 - Clarifies that all new nonresidential developments shall provide gravity sewer to the development if it can be connected to sewer by gravity regardless of the distance or easements required.

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CHAPTER 122

ARTICLE II. – WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

- **Sec. 122-152. - Water System.**
 - Clarifies that multi-family residential developments on a single tax parcel shall be served by a water master meter unless otherwise approved by the Water System.
 - Changes master meter requirements for residential condominium type developments to eliminate a condominium HOA having to maintain large water mains serving each building.
- **Sec. 122-188. - Interceptors.**
 - The section is restructured, and there are various updates, clean-up, and clarifications.
 - Clarifies the requirements of grease traps for food service establishments for improved environmental compliance.
 - Clarifies permitting, maintenance, inspections, and record keeping requirements for better comprehension.
 - Adds requirement for food service establishment to display discharge permit on a wall visible to managers to make current managers aware of the permitted number of seats and fixtures.

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CHAPTER 122

NEW ARTICLE III. – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

- **Sec. 122-301. - Definitions.**
 - Definitions of terms used within article.
- **Sec. 122-302. - Purpose and policy.**
 - Establishes the objective which is to provide for the equitable distribution of the cost of stormwater management services by imposing a user fee based upon each user's contribution of stormwater runoff.
 - Findings include:
 - It is imperative that the proceeds from stormwater service fee be dedicated to stormwater services, management, and facilities.
 - The area of impervious surface on each parcel is the most important factor influencing the cost of the stormwater management services; therefore, it is the most appropriate parameter for calculating a periodic stormwater service fee.

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CHAPTER 122

NEW ARTICLE III. – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

- **Sec. 122-303. - Establishment of stormwater utility.**
 - Establishes a stormwater utility in unincorporated areas of the county and provides for the county to provide stormwater services to a municipality through an intergovernmental agreement.
- **Sec. 122-304. - Scope of responsibility.**
 - Describes water system's stormwater services.
 - Defines structures maintained by the water system
 - Water system may perform channel stabilization work on residential property within the portion of the public water influence zone.
 - Stormwater facilities located on private property that have not been dedicated to and accepted by the county for maintenance, shall be and remain the legal responsibility of the property owner.

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To be effective June 1, 2026

CHAPTER 122

NEW ARTICLE III. – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

- **Sec. 122-305. - Establishment of enterprise fund.**
 - Establishes an enterprise fund to be used exclusively for stormwater services.
- **Sec. 122-311. - Service charges, rates and fees generally.**
 - Establishes a fee mechanism.
 - Actual rates and fees will be adopted by the board of commissioners separately.
 - Defines residential and nonresidential customer categories.
- **Sec. 122-312. – Stormwater management and miscellaneous charges and fees.**
 - Establishes a fee based on the area of impervious surface on each developed parcel.
 - Establishes late fee and returned check fee.

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CHAPTER 122

NEW ARTICLE III. – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

- **Sec. 122-313. - Stormwater service fee exemptions.**
 - Establishes the following exemptions from a stormwater service fee:
 - Undeveloped land.
 - Railroad tracks.
 - Public streets and airport runways.
 - Basins at drinking water and wastewater treatment plants.
 - Properties covered as part of Dobbins Air Reserve Base's stormwater permit with the State of Georgia.
 - Properties that contain 100% of stormwater runoff within the property for all storm events up to and including the 100-year 24-hour storm event.

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CHAPTER 122

NEW ARTICLE III. – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

- **Sec. 122-314. - Billing, payments, delinquencies, and adjustments.**
 - Establishes that fee will be charged on the monthly water bill and properties not served by the Water System will receive a stormwater only bill.
 - Establishes procedures for requesting and applying adjustments to fee.
- **Sec. 122-315. - Credits.**
 - States that property owners may apply for a reduction in stormwater fees for certain activities that reduce the negative impact on the stormwater utility, help the county to comply with permit, and/or have a reduced impact on surface waters. Activities are defined in the Credit Manual approved by the BOC.
- **Sec. 122-316. - Appeals.**
 - Establishes an appeals process for the denial of a stormwater fee adjustment, which goes through the water system director, then BOC, and finally superior court.

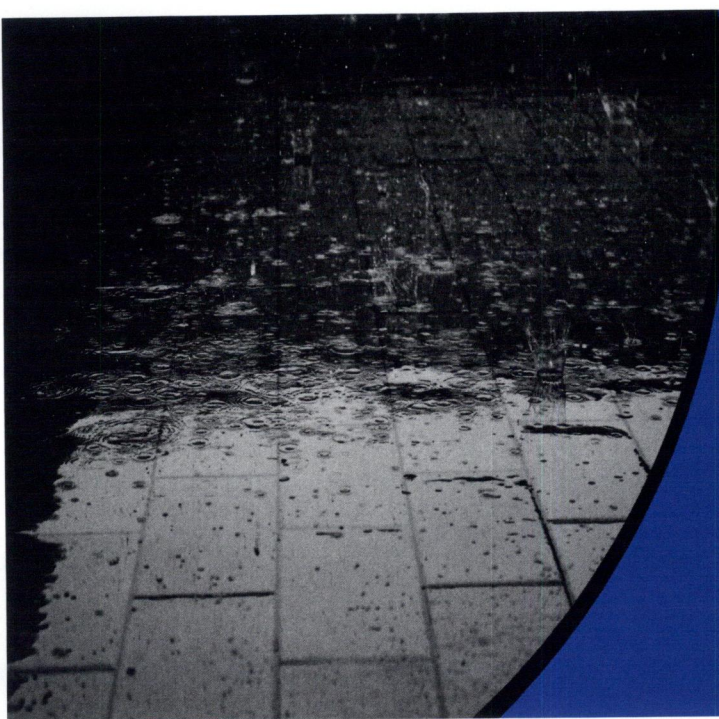
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Questions?

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Next steps

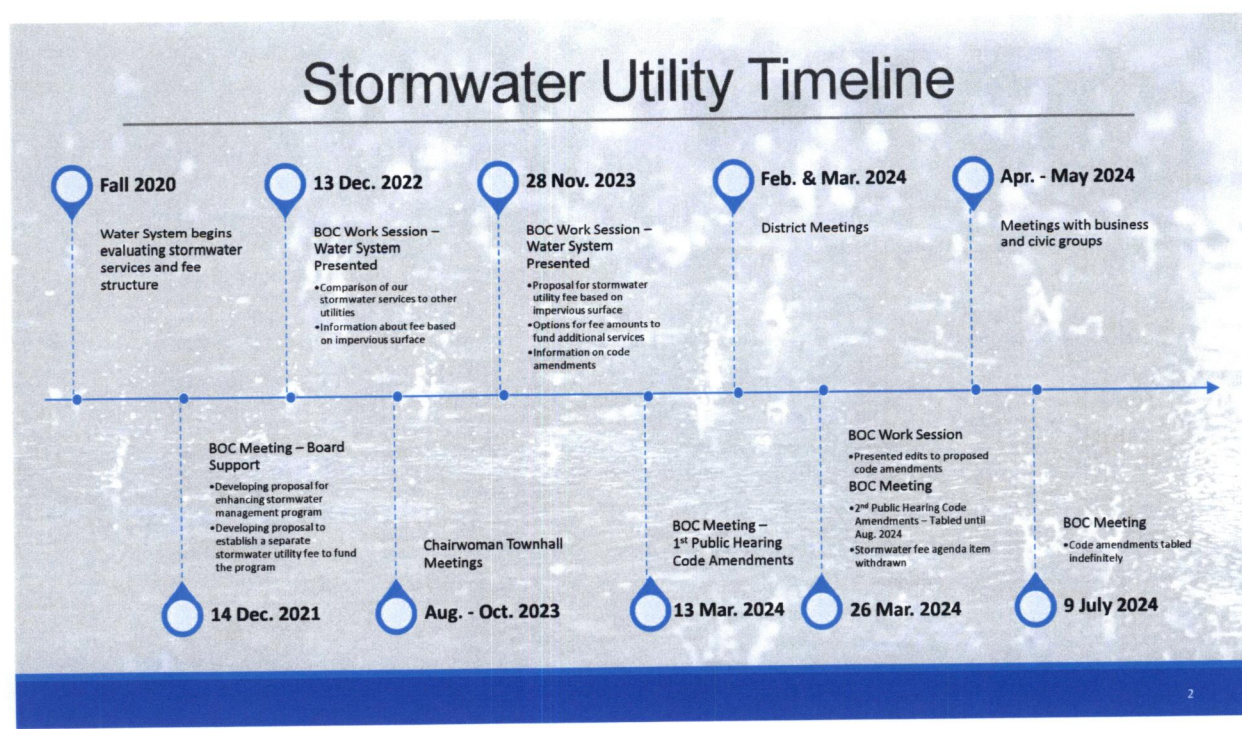
- Public Hearing #1- November 12, 9:00 a.m.
- Public Hearing #2- November 20, 6:00 p.m.
- Board vote on amendments following public hearing on November 20



Stormwater Work Session

October 28, 2026





Why Change the Stormwater Fee Structure?

Cannot determine exact stormwater revenue with current fee structure

Estimated revenues less than budget (ARPA funds making up difference, but end in 2026)

Water use is not the best measure of a property's impact on stormwater system

Approximately 7,000 properties not paying for services because they are not Cobb Water customers

Pressure from public to enhance services

Need additional funding to catch up and keep up with repairs - transition from reactive to proactive maintenance

Will need additional regional detention facilities in future

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Current Stormwater Fee

Inside city limits rates are reduced fees for customers who do not receive stormwater services.

WATER RATES:

Tarifa del Agua:

			Unincorporated Cobb & Mableton Cobb No Incorporado & Mableton	Inside City Limits Dentro de límites de ciudad
Non-Residential/ No residencial:			\$5.87 per 1,000 gallons	\$5.64 per 1,000 gallons
Single Family Residential: Residencia unifamiliar	Tier One / Nivel Uno:	1,000 - 3,000 gallons	\$3.87 per 1,000 gallons	\$3.72 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier Two / Nivel Dos:	4,000 - 15,000 gallons	\$5.97 per 1,000 gallons	\$5.75 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier Three / Nivel Tres:	16,000 - 29,000 gallons	\$7.41 per 1,000 gallons	\$7.15 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier Four / Nivel Cuatro:	30,000 - 49,000 gallons	\$8.68 per 1,000 gallons	\$8.37 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier Five / Nivel Cinco:	50,000 - above gallons	\$11.26 per 1,000 gallons	\$10.87 per 1,000 gallons

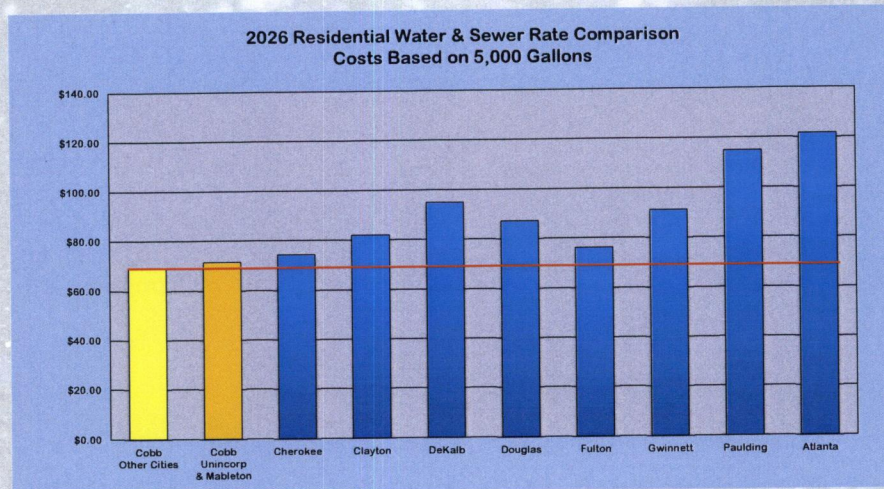
Water and sewer rates for customers located inside city limits of Acworth, Austell, Kennesaw, Powder Springs, Marietta, and Smyrna are slightly lower because the Water System does not provide stormwater services to these customers. Customers within the city of Mableton receive stormwater services from Cobb County and are charged unincorporated water and sewer rates.

SEWER RATE / Tarifa de Alcantarillado: \$7.53 per 1,000 gallons (Unincorporated Cobb); \$7.26 per 1,000 gallons (Inside City Limits)

IRRIGATION / Irrigación: \$11.26 per 1,000 gallons (Unincorporated Cobb); \$10.87 per 1,000 gallons (Inside City Limits)

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2026 Rates Comparison



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Jan 2026 Monthly Stormwater Fees Based on Consumption

Consumption	Residential		Commercial	
	Water & Sewer	Water Only	Water & Sewer	Water Only
3,000 gallons	\$1.32	\$0.48	\$1.56	\$0.72
5,000 gallons	\$2.34	\$0.94	\$2.60	\$1.20
10,000 gallons	\$4.89	\$2.09	\$5.20	\$2.40

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Residential & Commercial Examples



Typical Home

- 3,700 ft² Impervious
- Uses 5,000 gal water & sewer
- \$2.34/month for stormwater



Drug Store

- 55,074 ft² Impervious
- Uses 3,000 gal water & sewer
- \$1.56/month for stormwater

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Water & Sewer Rate Increases Needed to Cover Stormwater Expenses

Residential	FY26 Rates	Cost 5,000 gal	Rates to Cover FY26 Budget	Cost 5,000 gal	Rates to Cover Improved Services	Cost 5,000 gal
Base Fee	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00
Water Tier 1 (1,000-3,000 gal)	\$4.01	\$12.03	\$4.05	\$12.15	\$4.22	\$12.66
Water Tier 2 (4,000-15,000 gal)	\$6.18	\$12.36	\$6.24	\$12.48	\$6.48	\$12.96
Sewer	\$7.79	\$38.95	\$7.86	\$49.30	\$8.15	\$40.75
Total		\$71.34		\$71.93 (+\$0.59)		\$74.37 (+\$3.03)
Stormwater Portion		\$2.34		\$2.93		\$5.37
Estimated Total Revenue Residential, Non-Residential, & Irrigation	\$7,500,000			\$9,281,396		\$17,081,396

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Eliminating Transfer Provides Little Funding

Water System Revenue Transfer to General Fund

- Transfer started in 1998 at 5%
- 2003 at 10%
- 2012 to 2016 reduced to 6%
- 2017 back to 10%
- 2020 to 2026 reduced to 4%
- FY26 Transfer is \$11,343,324, less than \$300,000 from stormwater revenue

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Proposed Option - Fee Based on Impervious Surface

- More than 60 stormwater utilities in Georgia charge a fee based on impervious surface, including Acworth, Austell, Powder Springs, and Smyrna
- Impervious surfaces are hardened surfaces such as driveways, sidewalks, roofs, etc.
- Fee charged to all properties (residential, commercial, schools, churches, government, etc.)
- Creates dedicated funding for stormwater management program
- Ensures stormwater revenue is not used for water/sewer projects and water/sewer revenue is not used for stormwater projects



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Proposed Dedicated Stormwater Fee

Rate	Monthly Fee
Residential Rate	\$4.75
Non-Residential	Calculated*

1 EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT = 3,700 ft²

*Non-Residential Monthly Fee calculated by dividing property impervious area by 3,700 then multiplying by 1 ERU Fee (\$4.75)

Example: $(20,000 \text{ ft}^2 / 3,700 \text{ ft}^2) \times \$4.75 = \$25.68$ per month

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Funding Provided By Stormwater Fee

ERU is Equivalent Residential Unit

Services	Annual Expenses	Monthly Fee ERU=3,700 ft ²	Cum Total
FY26 Budget (Operating and CIP)	\$9,281,396	\$2.57 per month per ERU	\$2.57
Additional Positions & Equipment	\$1,100,000	\$0.30 per month per ERU	\$2.87
Additional Funding for Contracted Pipe Repairs on Residential Property	\$1,000,000	\$0.28 per month per ERU	\$3.15
Fund Some Open Channel Mnt Short Distance Downstream of County Pipe & Provide Limited Rip Rap	\$1,000,000	\$0.28 per month per ERU	\$3.43
Increase Lake Storage Volume Purchase Price	\$200,000	\$0.06 per month per ERU	\$3.49
Additional Funding for Existing CCWS Detention Ponds	\$2,000,000	\$0.56 per month per ERU	\$4.05
Funding for Future Regional Projects	\$1,000,000	\$0.26 per month per ERU	\$4.33
Fund Portion of Stormwater Pipe Repairs in ROW	\$1,500,000	\$0.52 per month per ERU	\$4.75
Total	\$17,081,396	\$4.75 per month per ERU	

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Example Residential Billing Change

Residential Rate = \$4.75

1/1/26 Summary of Charges				
Water	3,000	gal		12.03
Water (Tier Two)	2,000	gal		12.36
Cost of Basic Services				8.00
Sewer	5,000	gal		38.95
Streetlight				3.80
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE				75.14

Impervious Summary of Charges				
Water	3,000	gal		11.55
Water (Tier Two)	2,000	gal		11.90
Cost of Basic Services				8.00
Sewer	5,000	gal		37.55
Streetlight				3.80
Stormwater				4.75
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE				77.55

Bill increases **\$2.41** for residential customers using 5,000 gallons.

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Monthly Fee Examples

1 ERU (3,700 ft²) = \$4.75

Property	Monthly Water Consumption (Gallons)	Current Fee Based on Consumption	Impervious Area (ft ²)	Fee Based on Impervious	Monthly Increase
House	3,000	\$1.32	-	\$4.75	\$3.43
House	5,000	\$2.34	-	\$4.75	\$2.41
House	10,000	\$4.89	-	\$4.75	-\$0.14

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Monthly Fee Examples

1 ERU (3,700 ft²) = \$4.75



Typical Home Monthly
Increase \$2.41/month



Example Drug Store
Typical Monthly
Increase \$69.14/month

Property	Monthly Water Consumption (Gallons)	Current Fee Based on Consumption	Impervious Area (ft ²)	Fee Based on Impervious	Monthly Increase
House	5,000	\$2.34	-	\$4.75	\$2.41
Drug Store	3,000	\$1.56	55,074	\$70.70	\$69.14

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Monthly Fee Examples

1 ERU (3,700 ft²) = \$4.75

Property	Monthly Water Consumption (Gallons)	Current Fee Based on Consumption	Impervious Area (ft ²)	Fee Based on Impervious	Monthly Increase
Drug Store	3,000	\$1.56	55,074	\$70.70	\$69.14
Fast Food	36,000	\$18.72	33,843	\$43.45	\$24.73
Medium Church	30,000	\$15.60	102,810	\$131.99	\$116.39
Large Church	121,000	\$62.92	300,464	\$385.73	\$322.81
Big-Box Store	133,000	\$69.16	370,939	\$476.21	\$407.05

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Credit Manual

Max Total Reduction – 40%

- Maintaining Stormwater Detention Facilities Meeting Current Standards
- Exceeding Stormwater Standards (Extra 10% reduction for total of 50%)
- Septic Tank Maintenance
- Impervious Surface Reduction (residential not eligible)
- NPDES Industrial Stormwater General Permit Compliance



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Credit Manual (Cont'd)

Max Total Reduction – 40%

- Low Impact Parcel
- Watershed Improvement Project
- Watershed Stewardship
- Watershed Education
- Adopt-A-Pond

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Draft Credit Manual in FAQs

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Summary of Proposed Changes in Services

- Stop accepting new residential detention ponds, but continue to maintain ponds currently owned.
- Start structural maintenance of open channel on residential property in public water influence zone (6 pipe diameters) downstream of public pipe
- Start providing a limited amount of rip rap to residential property owners with severe erosion issues
- In process of moving stormwater development inspections to Water System

(Water System will continue to maintain the structures on residential property that we currently maintain.)

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Changes in Fee from Previous Proposal

- Added \$1.5 million per year of funding for CDOT drainage repairs
- Removed funding to move stormwater development inspections from Com Dev to Water from the list of additional services, because two inspector positions were approved for Water in FY26 budget
- Flat residential rate instead of a tiered structure
- Rate per Equivalent Residential Unit changed from \$4.00 to \$4.75

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Major Changes in Code from Previous Proposal

Related to Fee

- Swimming pools removed from the definition of impervious
- Added fee exemption for any property that contains or infiltrates 100% of runoff from 100-year storm event
- Added "Findings" in Sec. 122-302
- Credit Manual to be approved by BOC
- Fee Appeals: Water System Director, BOC, Superior Court

Not Related to Fee

- Language regarding nuisances for not maintaining private stormwater infrastructure is in Chapter 83 – Nuisances
- As part of no longer accepting detention ponds, added requirement for developer to create maintenance escrow fund for new residential subdivisions

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Stormwater Utility Fee Comparison

Cobb

Jurisdiction	Monthly Residential Rate 1 ERU*
Cobb (Proposed)	\$4.75
Smyrna	\$3.52
Powder Springs	\$3.79
Acworth	\$5.00
Austell	\$5.00
Kennesaw	\$5.00

GA

Jurisdiction	Monthly Residential Rate 1 ERU*
Cobb (Proposed)	\$4.75
Woodstock	\$4.37
Roswell	\$4.95
Johns Creek	\$5.80
Dunwoody	\$6.39
Clayton WA	\$3.75
Douglas WSA	\$4.00
Gwinnett Co.**	\$7.59*
Rockdale Co.	\$8.50

*Equivalent Residential Unit square footage varies by jurisdiction.

**Gwinnett calculates for all property types, so they do not have flat ERU rate. Residential 3,700 ft² = \$7.59.

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Stormwater Utility Fee Next Steps

- Code amendments
 - Public Hearings – November 12th & 20th
 - BOC Vote – November 20th
- Separate BOC agenda item on November 20th to set rate (ex. \$4.75 per ERU)
- If approved, fee implemented June 1, 2026, along with reducing water and sewer rates for Mableton and Unincorporated Cobb Customers

	TIER	UNINCORPORATED COBB & MABLETON	INCITY RATE
RESIDENTIAL WATER	Tier 1 (1,000-3,000)	\$6.01 per 1,000 gallons	\$3.85 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier 2 (4,000-15,000)	\$6.09 per 1,000 gallons	\$5.95 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier 3 (16,000-29,000)	\$7.60 per 1,000 gallons	\$7.40 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier 4 (30,000-49,000)	\$8.98 per 1,000 gallons	\$8.66 per 1,000 gallons
	Tier 5 (50,000 and above)	\$11.65 per 1,000 gallons	\$11.25 per 1,000 gallons
NON-RESIDENTIAL WATER		\$6.08 per 1,000 gallons	\$5.84 per 1,000 gallons
IRRIGATION WATER		\$11.65 per 1,000 gallons	\$11.25 per 1,000 gallons
WASTEWATER		\$7.79 per 1,000 gallons	\$7.51 per 1,000 gallons

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