

ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ASSESSMENT
AND COLLECTION OF FIRE PROTECTION
FEES IN GATES COUNTY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF GATES COUNTY:

Section 1.1: The cost of Fire Protection in Gates County shall be recovered from the citizens through the assessment and collection of a yearly Fire Protection Fee.

Section 1.2: The total revenue derived from the Fire Protection Fee shall be distributed equally among the Volunteer Fire Departments in Gates County.

Section 1.3: The Fire Protection Fee shall be billed annually on the Ad Valorem Tax Notice sent to Gates County Property Owners.

Section 2.1: The Fire Protection Fee shall be imposed by the Gates County Tax Assessor on the following:

Section 2.2: A single family dwelling having a fair market value under fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.).

Section 2.3: A single family dwelling having a fair market value equal to or greater than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.).

Section 2.4: A multiple family dwelling.

Section 2.5: A commercial facility.

Section 3.1: All billings shall be in accordance with the enclosed Fire Protection Fee Schedule. Any adjustments to the fee schedule shall appear in the official minutes of the Gates County Board of Commissioners.

Section 4.1: The County Manager is authorized by this Ordinance to implement any and all administrative procedures for the application and administration of the provisions of this Ordinance as deemed appropriate and necessary.

Section 5.1: In accordance with G.S. 153A-236.1(b) the Fire Protection Fee imposed under G.S. 153A-236.1(a) shall be billed with property taxes, shall be payable in the same manner as property taxes, and in the case of nonpayment, shall be collected in any manner by which delinquent personal or real property taxes can be collected and the fees are a lien on the real property described in the bill that includes the fee.

Fire Protection Fee Schedule

A single family dwelling having a fair market value under fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.).	\$40.00 yearly
A single family dwelling having a fair market value equal to or greater than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.).	50.00 yearly
A multiple family dwelling	60.00 yearly
A commercial facility	75.00 yearly

Section 6.1: Any residential dwelling or commercial facility served by a public utility will be subject to the Fire Protection Fee.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect as of the 1st day of July, 2000.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Gates County this the 5th day of June, 2000.

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NOES</u>
<u>C. Sherwood Eason</u>	<u>None</u>
<u>L. Frank Rountree</u>	_____
<u>Hollis F. Creecy</u>	_____
<u>William H. Harrell</u>	_____
<u>Marsha Faulk Langston</u>	_____