

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HALL

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTIONS 8.25.010, 8.25.020, AND 8.25.040 OF
CHAPTER 8.25 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF HALL COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGARDING HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESOURCE RECOVERY FEES**

WHEREAS, Hall County has developed certain regulations governing the collection of fees for hazardous material resource recovery found in Chapter 8.25 of the Official Code of Hall County, Georgia (the “Hall County Code”); and

WHEREAS, Section 8.25.010 of the Hall County Code defines words and phrases used in Chapter. 8.25; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.25.020 of the Hall County Code lists the fees charged by Hall County Fire Rescue (“Fire Services”) for incident responses; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.25.040 of the Hall County Code provides that the Fire Chief shall issue invoices and collect payments for fees charged by Fire Services for incident responses; and

WHEREAS, The Fire Chief and Hall County Administration have recommended a revision of the hazardous material resource fees, as permitted under Section 8.25.030 of Chapter 8.25 of the Hall County Code; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the language included in Sections 8.25.010 and 8.25.040 of Chapter 8.25 of the Hall County Code should be amended to reflect the proposed revisions; and

WHEREAS, the Hall County Board of Commissioners has the authority to adopt and codify local ordinances under O.C.G.A. § 36-80-19(b); and

WHEREAS, the Hall County Board of Commissioners finds that a revision of the hazardous waste recovery fees listed in the Section 8.25.020 of the Hall County Code is necessary and that the proposed changes are consistent with the rates in similar jurisdictions; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Hall County that Chapter 8.25 of the Official Code of Hall County, Georgia shall be revised effective October 1, 2026, as follows:

1.

The current Paragraph 1 of Section 8.25.010 is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new Paragraph 1 of Section 8.25.010, which shall read as follows:

“1. *Fire chief*: "Fire chief" means the fire chief of Hall County Fire Rescue, Hall County, Georgia.”

2.

The current Paragraph 4 of Section 8.25.010 is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new Paragraph 4 of Section 8.25.010, which shall read as follows:

“4. *Hazardous waste*: "Hazardous waste" means any solid waste which has been defined as hazardous waste in regulations promulgated by the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Federal Act which is in force and effective February 1, 1986, codified as 40 CFR Part 261 and those substances defined as hazardous waste in 49 CFR 171.”

3.

The current Section 8.25.020 (Hazardous material resource recovery fees.) is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new Section 8.25.020, which shall read as follows:

“8.25.020. – Hazardous material resource recovery fees.

A. *Mitigation rates based on per hour*. The mitigation rates below are average "billing levels," and are typical for the incident responses listed, however, when a claim is submitted, it will be itemized and based on the actual services provided.

B. *Motor vehicle incidents*.

Level 1. Provide hazardous materials assessment and scene stabilization. This will be the most common "billing level." This occurs almost every time Hall County Fire Rescue responds to an accident/incident.\$637.00

Level 2. Includes Level 1 services as well as clean up and material used (sorbents) for hazardous fluid clean up and disposal. We will bill at this level if Hall County Fire Rescue has to clean up any gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident/incident.\$726.00

Level 3—Car fire. Provide scene safety, fire suppression, breathing air, rescue tools, hand tools, hose, tip use, foam, structure protection, and clean up gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident/incident.\$886.00

C. *Add-on services*.

Extrication. Includes heavy rescue tools, ropes, airbags, cribbing, etc. This charge will be added if Hall County Fire Rescue has to free/remove anyone from the vehicle(s) using any equipment. We will not bill at this level if the patient is simply unconscious and fire department is able to open the door to access the patient. This level is to be billed only if equipment is deployed.\$1,915.00

Creating a landing zone. Includes air care (multi-engine company response, mutual aid, helicopter). Hall County Fire Rescue will bill at this level any time a helicopter landing zone is created and/or is utilized to transport the patient(s).\$400.00

Itemized response. Hall County Fire Rescue has the option to bill each incident as an independent event with custom mitigation rates, for each incident using, itemized rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized per apparatus, per personnel, plus products and equipment used.

D. Additional time on-scene.

Engine, per hour\$400.00

Truck, per hour\$500.00

Miscellaneous equipment\$300.00

E. HAZMAT.

Level 1—Basic response. Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, set-up and command.\$1,029.00

Level 2—Intermediate response. Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, HAZMAT certified team and appropriate equipment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, set-up and command, level A or B suit donning, breathing air and detection equipment. Set-up and removal of decon center.\$3,637.00

Level 3—Advanced response. Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, HAZMAT certified team and appropriate equipment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, first responder set-up and command, Level A or B suit donning, breathing air and detection equipment and robot deployment. Set-up and removal of decon center, detection equipment, recovery and identification of material. Disposal and environment clean up. Includes above in addition to any disposal rates of material and contaminated equipment and material used at scene. Includes three hours of on-scene time. Each additional hour is \$300.00 per HAZMAT team.\$8,673.00

F. Additional time on-scene. For all levels of service:

Engine, per hour\$400.00

Truck, per hour\$500.00

Miscellaneous equipment\$300.00”

4.

The current Section 8.25.030 (Review of hazardous material resource recovery fees.) shall remain as written and shall not be removed or otherwise effected by this Resolution.

5.

The current Section 8.25.040 (Collection of fees.) is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new Section 8.25.040, which shall read as follows:

“8.25.040. – Collection of fees.

The Chief of Hall County Fire Rescue and Hall County Fire Rescue staff shall have the authority to issue invoices for such services as set forth in this chapter and shall collect such fees on behalf of Hall County, which shall be used to purchase equipment, training, other services and supplies for Hall County Fire Rescue.”

6.

The Chief of Hall County Fire Rescue and Hall County Fire Rescue staff are permitted to take the steps necessary to effectuate the updated incident response fees.

7.

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption, but the ordinance amendments shall not take effect until October 1, 2026.

SO RESOLVED, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
David Gibbs, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jennifer Rivera, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Justin Lawhon, County Attorney