

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBPART A – GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CODE OF ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS AMENDED, TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1, SECTION 10-36(c)–APPLICATION FORMS; CHAPTER 42 ENVIRONMENT, DIVISION 2 REGULATION OF VACANT REAL PROPERTY, SECTION 42-104–REGISTRATION/RENEWAL FEES, CHAPTER 86 TAXATION, ARTICLE II, SECTION 86-36- OCCUPATION TAX LEVIED- SCHEDULE AND RESTRICTION; TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADOPTION DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Rockdale County comprehensively regulates fees pursuant to its general police powers, and other authority derived from applicable local laws, the Constitution of the State of Georgia, state and federal statutory authority, and other sources; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 10, Section 10-36(c) of the Code of Rockdale County, Georgia regulates the licensing of alcohol sales; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 42, Section 42-104 of the Code of Rockdale County, Georgia regulates the registration of vacant properties; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 86, Article II-Occupation Tax, Section 86-36 of the Code of Rockdale County, Georgia regulates occupation tax levied; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to proactively address the increased cost of the services provided; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Rockdale County, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of same as follows:

Section I

That Section 10-36(c) Application Forms (Subpart A - General Ordinances, Chapter 10 – Alcoholic Beverages, Article II – Sale, Division 1) of the Code of Rockdale County, Georgia, is hereby amended to delete the language in Section 10-36 (c) A separate processing fee of \$50.00 to cover the expense of an investigation and processing the application must be paid, which fee shall not be refundable; and replace with the following language,

Section 10-36 (c) The application when filed shall be accompanied by a processing fee determined by a fee schedule adopted by the Board of Commissioners as needed. This processing fee is separate from and shall not be credited to the license fee. If an applicant for a license or license representative has an unsatisfactory background and an application is submitted for a different licensee or license representative, an additional processing fee must be paid. The processing fee will not be refunded if the requested license is not granted.

Section II

That Section 42-104 – Registration/renewal fee (Subpart A - General Ordinances, Chapter 42 – Environment, Article III – Nuisances Generally, Division 2 -Regulation of Vacant Real Property) of the Code of Rockdale County, Georgia, is hereby amended to delete the current language in Section 42-104 which reads:

At the time of filing of the registration statement, the owner shall pay a registration fee in the amount of \$60.00 for each vacant real property. No registration statement shall be deemed filed unless the fee has been paid. For a parcel of land containing two or more buildings under common ownership, only one registration statement and one fee shall be required. At the time of the expiration of the original filing, the owner shall be responsible for renewing the registration statement if the property is still vacant. The owner shall pay a registration fee in the amount of \$100.00 for each vacant real property. No registration statement shall be deemed filed unless the fee has been paid. For a parcel of land containing two or more buildings under common ownership, only one registration statement and one fee shall be required. The property is inspected to determine its maintenance, and any fees to maintain the property shall be assessed, and due at the time of renewal.

Replace with the following language: At the time of filing of the registration statement, the owner shall pay a registration fee in the amount of \$80.00 for each vacant real property. No registration statement shall be deemed filed unless the fee has been paid. For a parcel of land containing two or more buildings under common ownership, only one registration statement and one fee shall be required. At the time of the expiration of the original filing, the owner shall be responsible for renewing the registration statement if the property is still vacant. The owner shall pay a registration fee in the amount of \$100.00 for each vacant real property. No registration statement shall be deemed filed unless the fee has been paid. For a parcel of land containing two or more buildings under common ownership, only one registration statement and one fee shall be required. The property is inspected to determine its maintenance, and any fees to maintain the property shall be assessed, and due at the time of renewal.”

Section III

That Section 86-36-Occupation tax levied; schedule and restrictions (Subpart A—General Ordinances, Chapter 86, Article II—Occupation Tax) of the Code of Rockdale County, Georgia, is hereby amended to delete the current language in Section 86-36 (b) which reads:

(b) The tax rate determined by the number of employees for each business, trade, profession, or occupation is as follows and may be developed and updated from time to time by the county:

Employees	Tax Liability
1	\$75.00
2	\$112.50
3	\$147.50
4	\$180.00
5	\$210.00
6	\$237.00
7	\$262.50
8	\$285.00
9	\$305.00

10-99	\$305.00 + 18.50 per employee over 9
Over 99	\$1,970.00 + 15.00 per employee over 99 up to a maximum of \$3,000.00 total tax liability

Replace with the following:

(b) The tax rate determined by the number of employees for each business, trade, profession, or occupation is as follows and may be developed and updated from time to time by the county:

Number of Employees	Fee	Number of Employees	Fee	Number of Employees	Fee	Number of Employees	Fee
1	\$125.00	43	\$1,155.00	85	\$1,987.50	127	\$2,650.00
2	\$175.00	44	\$1,177.50	86	\$2,005.00	128	\$2,662.50
3	\$200.00	45	\$1,200.00	87	\$2,022.50	129	\$2,675.00
4	\$225.00	46	\$1,222.50	88	\$2,040.00	130	\$2,687.50
5	\$250.00	47	\$1,245.00	89	\$2,057.50	131	\$2,700.00
6	\$275.00	48	\$1,267.50	90	\$2,075.00	132	\$2,712.50
7	\$300.00	49	\$1,290.00	91	\$2,092.50	133	\$2,725.00
8	\$325.00	50	\$1,312.50	92	\$2,110.00	134	\$2,737.50
9	\$350.00	51	\$1,332.50	93	\$2,127.50	135	\$2,750.00
10	\$375.00	52	\$1,352.50	94	\$2,145.00	136	\$2,762.50
11	\$400.00	53	\$1,372.50	95	\$2,162.50	137	\$2,775.00
12	\$425.00	54	\$1,392.50	96	\$2,180.00	138	\$2,787.50
13	\$450.00	55	\$1,412.50	97	\$2,197.50	139	\$2,800.00
14	\$475.00	56	\$1,432.50	98	\$2,215.00	140	\$2,812.50
15	\$500.00	57	\$1,452.50	99	\$2,232.50	141	\$2,825.00
16	\$525.00	58	\$1,472.50	100	\$2,250.00	142	\$2,837.50
17	\$550.00	59	\$1,492.50	101	\$2,265.00	143	\$2,850.00
18	\$575.00	60	\$1,512.50	102	\$2,280.00	144	\$2,862.50
19	\$600.00	61	\$1,532.50	103	\$2,295.00	145	\$2,875.00
20	\$625.00	62	\$1,552.50	104	\$2,310.00	146	\$2,887.50
21	\$650.00	63	\$1,572.50	105	\$2,325.00	147	\$2,900.00
22	\$675.00	64	\$1,592.50	106	\$2,340.00	148	\$2,912.50
23	\$700.00	65	\$1,612.50	107	\$2,355.00	149	\$2,925.00
24	\$725.00	66	\$1,632.50	108	\$2,370.00	150	\$2,937.50
25	\$750.00	67	\$1,652.50	109	\$2,385.00	151	\$2,947.50
26	\$772.50	68	\$1,672.50	110	\$2,400.00	152	\$2,957.50
27	\$795.00	69	\$1,692.50	111	\$2,415.00	153	\$2,967.50
28	\$817.50	70	\$1,712.50	112	\$2,430.00	154	\$2,977.50
29	\$840.00	71	\$1,732.50	113	\$2,445.00	155	\$2,987.50
30	\$862.50	72	\$1,752.50	114	\$2,460.00	156	\$2,997.50
31	\$885.00	73	\$1,772.50	115	\$2,475.00	157	\$3,007.50
32	\$907.50	74	\$1,792.50	116	\$2,490.00	158	\$3,017.50
33	\$930.00	75	\$1,812.50	117	\$2,505.00	159	\$3,027.50
34	\$952.50	76	\$1,830.00	118	\$2,520.00	160	\$3,037.50
35	\$975.00	77	\$1,847.50	119	\$2,535.00	161	\$3,047.50
36	\$997.50	78	\$1,865.00	120	\$2,550.00	162	\$3,057.50

37	\$1,020.00	79	\$1,882.50	121	\$2,565.00	163	\$3,067.50
38	\$1,042.50	80	\$1,900.00	122	\$2,580.00	164	\$3,077.50
39	\$1,065.00	81	\$1,917.50	123	\$2,595.00	165	\$3,087.50
40	\$1,087.50	82	\$1,935.00	124	\$2,610.00	166	\$3,097.50
41	\$1,110.00	83	\$1,952.50	125	\$2,625.00	167	\$3,107.50
42	\$1,132.50	84	\$1,970.00	126	\$2,637.50	168	\$3,117.50
Example: #1 = Base (\$125); #2 (\$125 + \$50=175); #3 (\$175 + \$25=200) For every 25 employees to the end and additional \$2.50 drops incrementally							

That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed

Section IV

Should any court of competent jurisdiction declare any section of this ordinance invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the ordinance, or any part thereof, which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

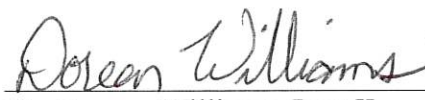
This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

This 9 day of September, 2025.

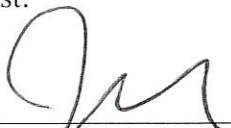
**ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By: 
JaNice Van Ness, Chair & CEO

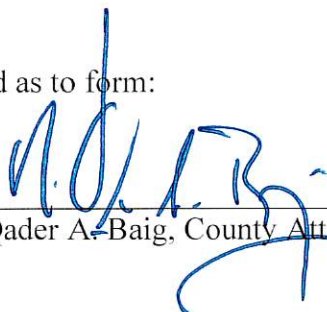
By: 
Tuwanya C. Smith, Post I

By: 
Dr. Doreen Williams, Post II

Attest:

By: 
Jennifer Rutledge, County Clerk

Approved as to form:

By: 
M. Qader A. Baig, County Attorney

First reading: 9.9.25

Second reading: waived

Ordinance No. #0-2025-20
Case No. TEXT2025-13

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Type of Request: Text Amendment Case No. 2025-13

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Submission Information:

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LaShawn Gardiner, Director of Planning and Development

Department:

Planning & Development

Information:

Summary of Request:

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Notes and Comments:

Required amendments related to the proposed fee schedule.