

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF SUBPART B (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO AMEND TITLE 2 (LAND USE AND ZONING), CHAPTER 218 (USE REGULATIONS), ARTICLE IV (TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES), SECTION 218-22(q) (APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS); TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADOPTION DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Rockdale County comprehensively regulates land uses, permitting, licensing, code compliance, development, and provides numerous other regulatory functions pursuant to its general police powers, planning powers, zoning 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, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners to update the fee requirements associated with Section 218-22 (q) – Application requirements and standards, as recommended by the planning staff; and

WHEREAS, the following amendments will implement these changes in furtherance of the public health, safety and welfare;

WHEREAS, public hearings as required by law have to be conducted by the Rockdale County Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners.

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

Section I

That Section 218-22(q) Application requirements and standards (Subpart B – Planning and Development, Title 2 – Land Use and Zoning, Chapter 218 – Use Regulations, Article IV – Telecommunication Facilities) of the Code of Rockdale County, Georgia, is hereby amended to delete the language that currently reads as follows:

In order to cover the actual cost to Rockdale County of reviewing these applications and obtaining expert opinion and studies, the following fees are hereby established. For those telecommunications facility applications requiring administrative approval, a fee of \$500.00 shall be paid at the time of application. For telecommunication facility applications requiring a special use permit, a fee of \$1,000.00 shall be paid at the time of application. If the actual cost to Rockdale County is greater than this fee, the applicant shall be billed for the difference and payment shall be made prior to the hearing before the board. In no case shall the maximum total charge exceed \$3,000.00.

And Replace with the following language.

In order to cover the actual cost to Rockdale County of reviewing these applications and obtaining expert opinion and studies, the following fees are hereby established. For those telecommunications facility applications requiring administrative approval, a fee of **\$1,250.00** shall be paid at the time of application. For telecommunication facility applications requiring a special use permit, a fee of **\$1,750.00** shall be paid at the time of application. If the actual cost to Rockdale County is greater than this fee, the applicant shall be billed for the difference and payment shall be made prior to the hearing before the board. In no case shall the maximum total charge exceed \$3,000.00.

Section II

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

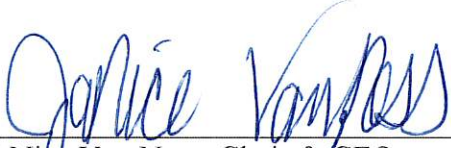
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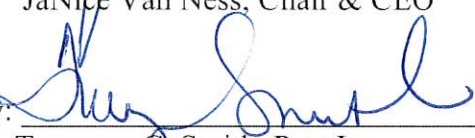
Should any court of competent jurisdiction declare any section of this ordinance invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the ordinance, or any part thereof, which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

This 10 day of November, 2025.

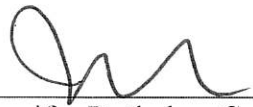
**ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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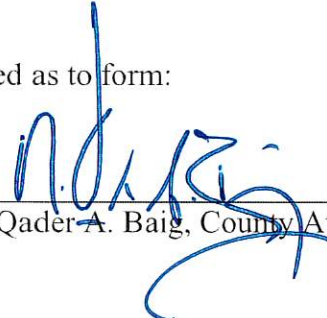
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Jennifer Rutledge, County Clerk

Approved as to form:

By: 
M. Qader A. Baig, County Attorney

First reading: 9/9/2025

Second reading: 10/11/2025

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Submission Information:

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Planning & Development

Information:

Summary of Request:

TEXT2025-10 Second Reading

Notes and Comments:

September 9, 2025: First Read BOC Meeting
October 9, 2025: Planning Commission
October 23, 2025: BOC Zoning Public Hearing
November 10, 2025: Second Read BOC Meeting