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City of McDonough Revises Permit Fees

The City of McDonough has been operating under the weight of permit fees that are, at least, ten years. With that reality in mind, McDonough's Community Development Department undertook an in-depth study of the city's fee schedule and the gain/loss ratios reflected by such antiquated figures.

"It's important to periodically revise the fee schedule in order to more accurately reflect the City's true business costs for servicing its various permits and applications," said Kathleen Field, McDonough Community Development Director. "At the same time, however, we also need to recognize that these fees cannot be so high as to be non-competitive with other communities which could result in a potential loss of new businesses and development. I believe that the new fees accomplish the intent of both of these goals."

The completion of this study has resulted in changes being made to the city's existing fee schedule that were put into effective on January 19, 2011. Types of permit fees that have increased include: Building, Trade, Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical Permits, as well as Fire Safety Fees and Permits. For a complete list of revised permit fees, visit www.mcdonoughga.org.

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