

MEMORANDUM

July 8, 2026

To: Alan Gibbs
Lamarcus Davis
Eddie Rowland
John Ambrose
Al Turner

From: Lorri Byrd

Subject: Proposed Filming Fees

Mr. Richard Dumas, Public Information Officer, has been working on establishing filming fees for Monroe County. Richard has researched filming fee charges within the state of Georgia from several counties; Butts County, Cherokee County, Clayton County, Cobb County, Columbia County, Douglas County, Effingham County, Fayette County, Hall County, Henry County, Jasper County, Macon-Bibb County, Newton County, and Walton County. Based on studying the fee structures of more than a dozen Georgia counties as well as numerous Georgia cities, Richard has put together a proposed fee structure at an appropriate level that will allow the county proper oversight of projects taking place on county property or within Monroe County but not at such a level to impose an unnecessary hardship on the filming company or to deter the filming company from wanting to spend tourism dollars in Monroe County.

I have attached Richard's proposed filming fees email detailing the fee structure that he is recommending for the Board of Commissioner's approval. Also, included are the results from other counties filming fees.

Regards,

Lorri Byrd

From: Richard Dumas
To: Lorri Robinson
Subject: Filming Fee Information for July 14 Board Meeting
Date: Monday, June 29, 2026 12:11:36 PM
Attachments: [Proposed Filming Fees in Monroe County.docx](#)

Hey Lorri,

The below information regarding potential filming fee charges in Monroe County will be presented to the Board of Commissioners at the July 14 meeting. Let me know if you need anything else.

Filming permit fees in Georgia counties range from no fee at all in many smaller rural counties (and even some larger counties) to as high as \$500 or greater in some larger counties (mainly metro Atlanta).

Based on studying the fee structures of more than a dozen Georgia counties as well as numerous Georgia cities, I propose setting Monroe County's fees at an appropriate level that will allow the county proper oversight of projects taking place on county property or within Monroe County but not at such a level to impose an unnecessary hardship on the filming company or to deter the filming company from wanting to spend tourism dollars in Monroe County.

Therefore, I recommend the Board set a one-time, non-refundable filming permit fee of \$100 for all filming taking place within Monroe County. If the permit is not submitted more than 10 days prior to the beginning of filming, an additional one-time, non-refundable charge of \$200 would be assessed to the applicant for a total permit fee of \$300. The permit application will be made available to the public on the Monroe County website with instructions on how to submit the application and make the payment.

In addition, I recommend an additional non-refundable fee of \$250 per day for projects that require total road closures and \$125 per day for partial road closures, lane closures or closures that require intermittent traffic control.

For projects using county-owned facilities/buildings/parks for filming that will not require the closure or disruption of normal business at the facility while in use, I recommend a non-refundable charge of \$100 per day. For projects using county-owned facilities/buildings/parks for filming that will require the closure or disruption of normal business at the facility while in use, I recommend a non-refundable charge of \$250 per day.

If filming within Monroe County, the applicant will be required to utilize Monroe County Sheriff's Office deputies if law enforcement presence is necessary for traffic control or security. Hourly or daily rates for the usage of deputies can be negotiated between the applicant and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

Lastly, I've attached a list of comparison filming fees from other counties in Georgia.

Thanks,

Richard Dumas
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Filming Fees in Georgia Counties

Butts County

Permit Fee – Negotiable depending upon project scope, location, and impact.

Cherokee County

Permit Fee (must be submitted no later than 2 weeks prior to filming) -- \$50

Clayton County

Application Processing Fee -- \$525

Application Processing Fee if Submitted less than 10 days prior to filming -- \$675

Requires County Law Enforcement Officers or Fire/EMS personnel -- \$525

Cobb County

Application Processing Fee -- \$100

Application Processing Fee if Submitted less than 7 business days prior to filming -- \$500

Filming on county property -- \$300 permit coordination fee

Entire Road Closure -- \$500/day

Partial Lane Closure -- \$200/day

County Facility Use Fee -- \$100/day

Change Order -- \$100/day

Columbia County

Permit Fee – Not required but registration form must be completed.

Douglas County

Application Processing Fee for Filming at County Owned Facility -- \$50

Security Deposit for indoor or outdoor use of any county facility (fully refundable) -- \$5,000

Filming Fee -- \$40/hr.

Effingham County

Application Processing Fee -- \$25

Permit Fee -- \$250/location

On-Site Services Fee (requires county staffer to be on site) -- \$35/hr. up to \$300/day

Fayette County

Filming at passive locations that don't disrupt routine County business/operations -- \$100/day

Filming at active locations that may produce excessive disruption to routine County business/operations -- \$500/day

Hall County

Application Processing Fee -- \$75

Permitting Fee -- \$100/day

Henry County

Permit Fee -- \$250

Permit Fee if received less than one week before filming -- \$500

Full Street Closure -- \$250/day

Partial Street or Lane Closure -- \$150/day

Use of County Facility for Filming -- \$100

Jasper County

Permit Fee (valid for 90 days) -- \$250

Macon-Bibb County

Special Event Application Fee -- \$50

Sheriff's Deputy Fee -- \$25/hr. per deputy

Employee/Staff Fee -- \$25/hr. per employee

Facility or General Location User Fee -- \$90/hr. up to \$600/day

Newton County

Permit Fee -- \$250

Permit Fee for projects submitted fewer than 10 business days prior to filming -- \$750

Permit Fee for filming at a county-owned facility -- \$750 or \$1,000 depending upon location

Residents Impacted by Road Closures must be compensated -- \$100/day

Business Owners Impacted by Road Closures must be compensated -- \$200/day

On-duty deputies/firefighters required -- \$75/hr. per deputy/firefighter

County attendants required -- \$75/hr. -- \$150/hr.

Ladder truck used -- \$500/day

Walton County

Application Processing Fee -- \$200 (non-refundable)

Single Street Road Closure – No Deputies -- \$100

Single Street Road Closure – With Deputies -- \$200

Electrical Service Fee -- \$150

Sheriff's Deputies – Negotiated with deputies individually.

Firefighters/Fire Safety Officer – Negotiated with firefighters individually.

Fire Engine (if available, includes 2 firefighters) -- \$300/hr.

County Property (Parks or other land/buildings owned by Walton County) – Price negotiable based on location.