





# Lumpkin County Emergency Services

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## Budget Justification – 2020

**Fire/EMS #35000**

**Fire Inspector**

With the economy improving and the push for more commercial properties to enter the county, it could be detrimental to the county's growth, if plans and inspections are not completed in a timely manner. At present, we are keeping up with all of the duties that go along with this position, but with the new ordinance passed down by the State Fire Marshals office(See attached), on January 9, 2019 and also the know growth of the 400 corridor and county projects that are ahead, I do not feel that we will be able to keep up with the demand of this office with only one inspector. I am asking for this position, which will not start until 2020 so that we will be prepared to meet the demands of not only the county, but also the needs of the city, which we are responsible for too. I understand the budget constraints, but this position is the only position besides the Ambulance service that actually brings in revenue for our department (See attached). This revenue will also begin to rise with the growth and I truly fill it will fully fund its self within a few years.

Additionally, the Fire Marshalls division of our department was a big part in the lowering of our ISO rating, which as of July 1, 2019 will become a **Class 4**. With this being said, I feel it is our duty to continue to give our citizens the services they deserve. We have come a very long way in this department and we need to continue to move forward. We must be prepared for the County and City's growth and this position will be a very vital part of our goal to ensure our readiness to serve the community.

Thank you for your continued support of Lumpkin County Emergency Services.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Wimpy".

David Wimpy

Director of Emergency Services



## OFFICE OF INSURANCE AND SAFETY FIRE COMMISSIONER

**RALPH T. HUDGENS**  
COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE  
SAFETY FIRE COMMISSIONER  
INDUSTRIAL LOAN COMMISSIONER

January 9, 2019

SEVENTH FLOOR, WEST TOWER  
FLOYD BUILDING  
2 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334  
(404) 656-2056  
[www.oci.ga.gov](http://www.oci.ga.gov)

Chris Dockery, Chairman Lumpkin County  
Lumpkin County  
99 Courthouse Hill, Suite H  
Dahlonega, GA 30533

**RE: Contract Agreement for Lumpkin County**

Dear Chairman Dockery:

The Safety Fire Division of the Office of the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner (State Fire Marshal's Office) is in receipt of the signed and executed contract agreement from the Lumpkin County, dated January 9, 2019. By copy of the attached executed contract agreement signed by this office and you the Lumpkin County Chairman, the authority for the enforcement of the State's minimum fire safety standards as set forth in Code Sections 25-2-12(d) and 25-2-12(a)(2) of the official Code of Georgia is hereby transferred to Lumpkin County effective January 9, 2019.

Specifically, with respect to those buildings and structures listed in Code Section 25-2-13 except for hospitals, nursing homes, jails, ambulatory health care centers, assisted living facilities, and penal institutions and except for buildings and structures which are owned and operated or occupied by the state, the designated officials under the governing authority of Lumpkin County shall be responsible for enforcement of the State's minimum fire safety standards and accessibility standards within its jurisdiction and shall:

- (A) Conduct fire safety inspections of existing buildings and structures;
- (B) Review plans and specifications for proposed buildings and structures, issue building permits when plans are approved, and conduct fire safety inspections of such buildings and structures;
- (C) Issue permanent and temporary certificates of occupancy; and,
- (D) Investigate all cases of arson and other suspected incendiary fires within its jurisdiction.

Pursuant to Code Section 25-2-32 (b) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated effective January 1, 1993, all incidents of fires, whether accidental or incendiary, shall be reported to the Office of the Safety Fire Commissioner. Every fire department shall submit incident data either via the ImageTrend system, another acceptable uniform electronic reporting method or on a uniform reporting form prescribed by the Commissioner and at intervals established by the Commissioner.

Please contact us at (404) 657-1168 if this office can be of further assistance or if you have any question.

Respectfully,

  
M. Dwayne Garriss  
State Fire Marshal

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THE OFFICE OF INSURANCE AND SAFETY FIRE COMMISSIONER DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, RELIGION, AGE OR DISABILITY IN EMPLOYMENT OR THE PROVISION OF PROGRAMS OR SERVICES

Georgia, Lumpkin County

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this 9 day of January, 2019, by and between Lumpkin County, Georgia, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and the Safety Fire Commissioner, of the State of Georgia as follows:

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 25-2-12 provides that counties that have a population of 100,000 or more as determined by the most recent census shall adopt the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards; and

WHEREAS, Lumpkin County has a population of approximately 30,000; and

WHEREAS, definite provisions should be made for the enforcement of the State Minimum Fire Standards in Lumpkin County

Now, THEREFORE, in accord with O.C.G.A. § 25-2-12(d), the parties hereby agree as follows:


1. Lumpkin County has adopted and will adopt the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 25-2-12 and any amendments thereto and will enforce such standards.
2. Lumpkin County shall continue to enforce the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards regarding buildings and structures listed in O.C.G.A. § 25-2-13, except as otherwise provided herein.
3. Lumpkin County personnel shall conduct fire safety inspections of existing buildings and structures; review and approve plans; conduct fire safety inspections of such buildings and structures; and such other functions as shall from time to time be specified by state law or regulation. The following activities are excepted from the enforcement activities of Lumpkin County: hospitals, nursing homes, jails, ambulatory health care centers, assisted living facilities, penal institutions, and buildings and structures owned and operated or occupied by the state of Georgia.
4. Lumpkin County shall be responsible for investigating all cases of arson and other suspected incendiary fires within its jurisdiction in accord with O.C.G.A. § 25-2-12(a)(6).
5. Lumpkin County shall report all incidents of fire, whether accidental or incendiary, to the office of the Safety Fire Commissioner, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 25-2-32(b).
6. Lumpkin County shall be entitled to charge and retain appropriate fees, which shall not exceed the fees authorized by state statutes or regulations, for the activities performed in accord with O.C.G.A. § 25-2-12 and this contract, and the initial fees to be charged shall be in accord with "Exhibit A", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Further, Lumpkin County shall have the right to designate an appropriate agency, and appropriate personnel, for the performance of the duties set forth herein.

7. This agreement shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of the authorized signature of both parties are affixed hereto.

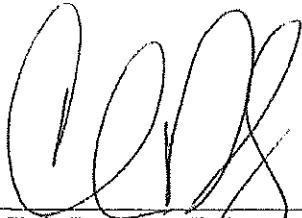
8. This agreement may be canceled at any time by either party upon giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. If this contract is canceled, then all inspection reports and other documents associated with this agreement shall be transferred within thirty (30) days to the State Fire Marshall.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hand and affixed their seal on the dates set forth herein.


Concur and request approval:

  
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David Wimpy, Director  
Emergency Services

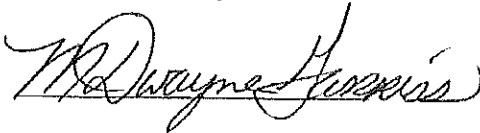
For Lumpkin County:

  
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Chris Dockery, Chairman  
Lumpkin County

Attest:

  
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Melissa Witcher, Clerk  
Lumpkin County

For State of Georgia

  
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M. Dwayne Garriss  
State Fire Marshal

**Exhibit "A"**

**Fire Safety Inspections and Permit Fees**

Copies of public documents—per page (in addition to fax or mail costs)\0.50

**Fire code enforcement related fees:**

**Plan review and construction:**

Up to 10,000 square feet gross floor area\100.00  
Over 10,000 square feet gross floor area—per square foot\0.015

**Certificate of fire safety compliance (C/O):**

Up to 10,000 square feet gross floor area\100.00  
Over 10,000 square feet gross floor area—per square foot\0.015

**Inspection fees—general: (80% cover up. 100% is covered under the construction permit with no additional charge.)**

**Fire safety inspections:**

Annual inspection—each\0  
Follow up inspection—each\0  
First reinspection\100.00  
Second and all subsequent reinspections—each\150.00

**Reinspections generally:**

First reinspection\100.00  
Second and all subsequent reinspections—each\150.00

**Facility license inspection (required by another agency)—each\100.00**

**Inspection of storage of hazardous materials—each\100.00**

**Permits and permit related inspections:**

Blasting permit—each\100.00  
Fireworks display permit—each (see Code sec. 20-152)\100.00  
Special event permit inspections—each\100.00  
Heated tar pot roofing operations—each\100.00  
Installation and removal of underground tanks—each tank\100.00  
Installation of fire suppression systems (hood, fire alarm, sprinkler systems and similar)—each system\100.00



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2018

Month	Plan Review	Inspection	80% Inspection	Final Inspection C/O	Follow up Inspection	Annual Inspection	Car Seats	P.R. Details	Investigations
January	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
February	4	4	2	2	0	3	N/A	3	1
March	3	17	0	8	2	3	N/A	7	1
April	1	8	2	2	1	0	N/A	4	1
May	4	12	0	3	3	0	N/A	10	0
June	2	10	1	7	1	3	N/A	6	0
July	3	11	0	3	2	3	N/A	9	3
August	2	20	1	11	4	0	N/A	4	2
September	6	11	3	5	6	2	N/A	10	2
October	7	2	4	7	10	5	N/A	11	0
November	3	15	5	5	5	3	N/A	0	0
December	4	13	4	5	8	5	N/A	4	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>10</b>

- 2/1/2018 – 12/31/2018, Fees collected, \$ 10,185.00
- Classes Taught, New Volunteer Recruit class, 95 hours
- Classes Attended, Arson Seminar, 24 hours
- Certifications acquired,
  - Fire Inspector-1, 80 hours
  - Arson Inspector-1, 80 hours

*These totals do not include January of 2018. (11 months)*

*Deputy Fire Marshall - Chris Maloney*









**APRIL 2018 INCOME REPORT**

Date	Name/Business	Inspect. 341406	Plan Rev 341407	Reimburse 342906 100 Supplies/Mater	False 351403	Copies 341400	Misc	Donation 371000	ERS 335009	Total
4/4/2018	Dahlonaga Mountain Inn	\$330.00								\$330.00
4/9/2018	Fire Recovery USA								\$7,204.00	\$7,204.00
4/9/2018	Dahlonaga Fitness	\$100.00								\$100.00
4/10/2018	Lexis Nexis					\$5.00				\$5.00
4/19/2018	Gear Craft	\$100.00								\$100.00
4/23/2018	North Georgia Concrete	\$100.00								\$100.00
4/23/2018	Lexis Nexis					\$5.00				\$5.00
Intermedix, deposits for April										
Month End Total										
									\$20,990.00	
									\$28,594.00	

7904.00





JULY 2018 INCOME REPORT											
Date	Name/Business	Inspect. 341406	Plan Rev 341407	Reimburse 342905	100 Supplies/Mater	False 351403	Copies 341400	Misc	Donat 371000	ERS 398008	Total
7/5/2018	Fire Recovery, USA									2,422.08	\$2,422.08
7/9/2018	United Collections Firm									\$1,497.89	\$1,497.89
7/19/2018	Lexus Nexts Fire Report 18-0002329						\$5.00				\$5.00
7/19/2018	Bone Safety Signs	\$200.00									\$200.00
7/31/2018	Bertha Bioemster EMS Reports						\$12.50				\$12.50
7/31/2018	Worldwide Industrial Solutions	\$100.00									\$100.00
	Intermedix, deposits for July										\$33,437.69
	<b>Month End Total</b>										<b>\$37,675.16</b>

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OCTOBER 2018 INCOME REPORT											
Date:	Name/Business	Inspect. 347406	Plan Rev 347407	Reimburse 342906	Supplies/Mater	Fees 351403	Copies 341400	Misc	Donat. 371000	ERS 336003	Total
10/2/2018	East Coast Pyrotechnics	\$100.00									\$100.00
10/6/2018	Lexis Nexis Fire Report						\$5.00				\$5.00
10/8/2018	The 1888 House	\$100.00									\$100.00
10/9/2018	Gearcraft	\$100.00									\$100.00
10/9/2018	Star Trophies	\$100.00									\$100.00
10/10/2018	Cavender Creek Vineyards		\$100.00								\$100.00
10/15/2018	Century Fire Protection	\$100.00									\$100.00
10/15/2018	Amicaclia EMC	\$180.00									\$180.00
10/16/2018	Hemlock Animal Hospital	\$100.00									\$100.00
10/22/2018	Specialty Performance	\$100.00									\$100.00
10/22/2018	Crickit Wireless	\$100.00									\$100.00
10/25/2018	Sacketts Inc	\$100.00									\$100.00
	Intermedix, deposits for October										\$40,842.51
							Month End Total				\$42,027.51

\$ 1185.00







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January	5	22	5	9	6	5			1
February	4	15	2	4	6	4			2
March									
April									
May									
June									
July									
August									
September									
October									
November									
December									

Totals	9	37	7	13	12	9			3
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- Year to Date Fees collected \$ 1100.00
- Instructing Hazmat Awareness & Operations Class for new recruits

Deputy Fire Marshall - Chris Maloney.



**FEBRUARY 2019 INCOME REPORT**

Date	Name/Business	Inspect. 341406	Plan Rev 341407	Reimburse 342905	False Materials 35	Copies 341400	Misc	Donation 371000	ERS 336009	Total
2/4/2019	Dahlonoga Fitness Works	\$100.00								\$100.00
2/6/2019	Suzanne Mailer	\$100.00								\$100.00
2/7/2019	Fire Recovery USA								\$4,906.56	\$4,906.56
2/11/2019	Lewis Nexis Fire Report			\$5.00		\$5.00				\$5.00
2/14/2019	Richard Clark CPA	\$100.00								\$100.00
2/19/2019	United Collections Firm								\$473.23	\$473.23
EMS DEPOSIT FOR FEBRUARY							Month End Total			\$47,054.46
										\$52,739.26

\* 5684.79