

## RESOLUTION NO. 2025-29

### **A Resolution Increasing Assessment Fees for the Purpose of Offsetting Increased Administrative Costs.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fairfield, Alabama, (hereinafter "the City") currently assesses a fee of **Ten Dollars (\$10.00)** for assessments related to property records, including the necessary research to determine the existence of municipal liens or charges against a specific parcel; and

**WHEREAS**, this assessment fee has remained unchanged for a significant period of time, failing to reflect the current economic realities and the increasing costs associated with administering and processing these assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs to the City for labor, materials, technology, and overhead required to conduct this essential property research and accurately process and manage these assessments have risen substantially over the intervening years; and

**WHEREAS**, a review by the City's Finance Department and relevant City departments indicates that the current fee no longer adequately covers the administrative expenses incurred by the City in the provision of these detailed property research services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is necessary and fiscally responsible to update the fee schedule to ensure the financial sustainability and continued efficient operation of the relevant municipal services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **Section 1: Fee Adjustment**

The assessment fee currently set at Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for property research and lien determination shall be and is hereby increased to **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** per **property parcel or unit of assessment**.

#### **Section 2: Purpose**

The purpose of this fee adjustment is to more accurately reflect and offset the increased administrative and operational costs borne by the City of Fairfield in **conducting detailed property research** to determine and confirm the existence of any attached municipal liens or charges, and in processing, managing, and maintaining the associated records.

### **Section 3: Effective Date**

This amended fee shall become effective on **January 1, 2026**, or as soon thereafter as practicable following the passage and publication of this Resolution.

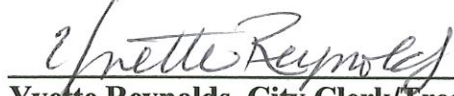
### **Section 4: Repealer**

All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Approved and adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025**

  
Herman Carnes, Jr., Mayor

**ATTESTED:**

  
Yvette Reynolds, City Clerk/Treasurer