

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 153-4 AND 153-36.1 OF THE CODE  
OF THE CITY OF GALAX, VIRGINIA**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Galax ("Council") has determined that Chapter 153 of the Code of the City of Galax should be modified as provided herein, in order to clarify the use of certain terms used therein and to clarify the applicability of base fee and meter requirements for the provision of public water and sewer to residents and businesses within the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Galax, that the following definitions are added to Section 153-4 of the Galax City Code as follows:

**Commercial Unit**

A room or group of rooms located within a building, forming a single functional space for the operation of a business or commercial enterprise, and distinct from other commercial or dwelling units which may be located within the same building.

**Dwelling Unit**

A room or group of rooms located within a dwelling, forming a single habitable unit with facilities used or capable of being used for living, sleeping, cooking or eating purposes, **includes mobile homes, manufactured housing or portions thereof.**

**AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Galax, that Section 153-36.1 of the Galax City Code is hereby repealed and readopted to read as follows:

**§ 153-36.1 Base fee and meter requirements.**

- A. Any residential or commercial property having five or more units of anykind shall have a single master meter which shall measure the overall flow for all units located on such property. A separate base charge shall be incurred for each individual dwelling unit and each separate commercial unit connected to the master meter.
- B. Any residential or commercial property having less than five units shall incur a separate base charge for each meter installed upon the property.

Councilman Warr made a motion to approve the ordinance proposal to amend Sections 153-4 and 153-36.1 of the code, which was seconded by Councilwoman Burnett.

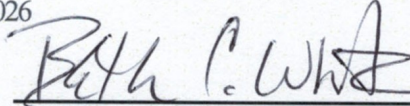
upon, the ordinance was put to a vote upon its final adoption, the results as follows:


|                      | Aye                  | Nay               |
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| Mayor White          | <u>  X  </u>         | <u>          </u> |
| Vice Mayor Greene    | <u>  X  </u>         | <u>          </u> |
| Councilwoman Burnett | <u>  X  </u>         | <u>          </u> |
| Councilwoman Ritchie | <u>  Abstained  </u> | <u>          </u> |
| Councilman Warr      | <u>  X  </u>         | <u>          </u> |
| Councilman Henck     | <u>  X  </u>         | <u>          </u> |
| Councilman Coomes    | <u>  absent  </u>    | <u>          </u> |

For:   5  

Against:   0  

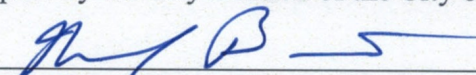
Dated: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Approved:   
Beth White, Mayor

Attest:   
Michael Burnette, City Manager

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Michael Burnette, Clerk of the City Council of the City of Galax, Virginia (the "City"), hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Galax on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

  
Clerk, Of City Council