



**2020-2021 Budget Ordinance**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City Council of the City of Bessemer City, North Carolina:

Section 1. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021:

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$	1,800,000
Ad Valorem Taxes State Board Assessed		40,000
Prior Year Taxes		15,000
Motor Vehicle License		175,000
Gross Rental Vehicle Tax		500
Penalties & Interest		5,000
Gaston County Local Sales Tax		20,000
North Carolina Local Sales Tax		500,000
Solid Waste Disposal Tax		3,500
Beer & Wine Tax		22,000
Franchise Tax		440,000
PD Fees for Services		500
Confiscated Drug Money		500
Fire Department Grants		13,694
PD – Grants		70,000
Landfill Fees		320,000
Grave Opening/Closing		20,000
Cemetery Lot Sales		1,000
Zoning Permits & Fees		3,500
Grant - Kiser Center		5,000
Code Enforcement Billing		500
Recreation Department Fees		7,000
Down Home Festival		50,000
Senior Events		4,000
Pool Fees		50,000
Investment Earnings		30,000
Rent- Land		1,100
Sale of General Fund Property		5,000
ABC Revenue		10,000

Miscellaneous Revenues	5,000
Insurance Proceeds	2,500
Administrative Charges - Enterprise Funds	925,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	61,009
Costner Building Grant	50,000

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\$ **4,656,303**

Section 2. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in accordance with the established chart of accounts:

Governing Body & Legal	\$ 53,455
Administration & Finance	915,183
Police Department	1,451,973
Fire Department	149,346
Garage Operations	107,801
Public Works Department	299,900
Sanitation Department	271,700
Planning & Zoning	110,016
Economic Development	229,355
Debt Service	364,121
Recreation Department	535,375
Parks & Gym	28,000
Pool	97,578
Cemetery	42,500
Fund Balance	0

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\$ **4,656,303**

Section 3. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Water & Sewer Fund for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021:

Water Sales	\$ 2,350,000
Sewer Sales	2,400,000
Tap Fees	7,000
Reconnect Fees	17,000
Penalties	35,000
Investment Earnings	500
Miscellaneous	45,000
Administrative Fee	15,000
Fund Balance	0

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\$ **4,869,500**

Section 4. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water & Sewer Fund for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in accordance with the established chart of accounts:

Debt Service	\$	418,327
Administration		625,000
Water/Wastewater Treatment		2,260,523
Public Works		1,054,650
New Line Construction		511,000
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	\$	<b>4,869,500</b>

Section 5. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Natural Gas Fund for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021:

Sales of Gas	\$	1,345,000
Cut-ons & Reconnects & Extension		2,500
Penalties		50,000
Miscellaneous		500
Fund Balance		19,629
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	\$	<b>1,417,629</b>

Section 6. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Natural Gas Fund for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in accordance with the established chart of accounts:

Debt Service	\$	183,120
Administration		300,000
Gas Operations		934,509
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	\$	<b>1,417,629</b>

Section 7. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Storm Water Fund for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021:

Storm Water Charges	\$	98,000
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	\$	<b>98,000</b>

Section 8. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Storm Water Fund for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in accordance with the established chart of accounts:

Debt Service	\$	35,441
Operations		62,559
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	\$	<b>98,000</b>

Section 9. The following revenues are expected to be available in the Powell Bill Fund for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021:

State Powell Bill Allocation	\$	195,315
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	\$	<b>195,315</b>

Section 10. The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Powell Bill Fund for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in accordance with the established chart of accounts:

Debt Service	\$	100,815
Street Operations		94,500
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	\$	<b>195,315</b>

Section 11. There is hereby levied a tax rate of forty-five (\$.45) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property taxes as of January 1, 2020 for the purpose of raising the revenue listed 'Ad Valorem Taxes' in the General Fund. This rate is on a total valuation of property for the purposes of taxation of \$399,640,000 and an estimated rate of collection of 97%. The estimated rate of collection is based off of the fiscal 2019-2020 collection rate of 97%. The motor vehicle tag fee per G.S. 20.97 is set at \$20 per vehicle.

Section 12. A fee of \$11.00 per month per roll-out cart (residential, commercial or industrial) within the City when the City provides garbage/trash collection service shall be charged and collected as an addition to the utility bill for the purpose of Landfill and Disposal fees.

Section 13. A fee of \$11.00 per month per roll-out can (commercial only) within the City when the City provides garbage/trash collection services shall be charged and collected for twice-weekly collection as an addition to the utility bill for the purpose of Landfill and disposal fees.

Section 14. A fee of \$11.00 per month per residential/apartment unit within the City shall be charged and collected as an additional fee for bulk item, brush, and debris pickup if a solid waste fee is not charged.

Section 15. A fee for Storm Water Management shall be charged and collected as an addition to the utility bill as follows: Residential - \$3.07 / month , Commercial - \$6.00 / month, Industrial - \$12.00 / month.

Section 16. Water and Sewer rates shall be charged as follows for meter readings on or after July 1, 2020:

Water: \$11.30 minimum per month for 2,000 gallons (treated water)  
 \$6.95 per 1,000 gallons over 2,000 gallons (treated water)  
 \$.95 per 1,000 gallons (raw water)  
*The rates for customers outside of the City limits are double the above amount*

Deposits	\$100/150/300
Reconnect	\$35
Broken Lock	\$300
Meter Tampering	\$500
Administrative Fee	\$40
Illegal Turn On	\$150

Meter Reset \$150

Tap Fee Schedule\*

¾ Inch Line: \$1,500  
1 Inch Line: \$1,550  
1 ½ Inch Line: \$1,600  
2 Inch Line: \$1,650  
*\*plus cost of meter*

Sewer: \$15.35 minimum per month for 2,000 gallons  
\$11.75 per 1,000 gallons over 2,000 gallons  
\$6.65 per 1,000 gallons over 1,000,000 gallons  
*The rates for customers outside of the City limits are double the above amount*

Tap Fee Schedule

4 Inch: \$1,850  
6 Inch: \$1,950

The availability charge for customers not connected to water or sewer shall be a minimum charge for that service.

Availability Fee:

Inside customers connected to water but not sewer: \$15.35  
Inside customers connected to sewer but not water: \$11.30  
Inside customers not connected to water or sewer: \$26.65

Meters:

Meter Check: One free per year.  
Defective meters replaced free of charge.  
Non-defective meters will results in a charge of \$25 plus the cost of testing.

Section 17: Natural Gas and other Fees shall be charged as follows after July 1, 2020

Natural Gas:

Residential (All Usage) Operation Expense + \$9.40 per MCF  
Business Level 1 (1-24,000 MCF) Cost at Gate + \$5.00 per MCF  
Business Level 2 (24,001-30,000 MCF) Cost at Gate + \$3.00 per MCF  
Business Level 3 (30,001 MCF or More) Cost at Gate + 1.50 per MCF  
*All rates above are based off of monthly usage.*

Deposits: \$150/225/300  
Reconnect: \$40  
Seasonal Cutoff: \$100  
Cut-off List Administrative Fee: \$15  
After Hours Reconnect Fee: \$125

Administrative Fee: \$40

Minimum Availability Fees:

Residential: \$8.70

Small Commercial: \$9.10

Industrial- Firm: \$200

Industrial- Interruptible: \$400

Section 18: Planning / Zoning and other Fees shall be charged as follows after July 1, 2020

Board of Adjustments:

Variance Request \$150

Conditional Use Permit \$150

Appeal \$150

Special Exception \$150

Planning Board:

Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning) \$300

Text Amendment \$300

Zoning Fees:

New Single Family \$100

Additions \$50

New Multi-Family \$150+\$5/Unit

Non-Residential: Up to 5,000 Sq. Ft \$100

Non-Residential: 5,001-10,000 Sq. Ft. \$200 + \$1/1,000 Sq. Ft.

Non-Residential: 10,001 Sq. Ft. Plus \$300 + \$1/1,000 Sq. Ft.

Subdivision Plat- Minor \$50

Subdivision Plat- Major \$100+\$5/Lot

Recombination Plat \$50

Sign Permit \$50

Accessory (No Building Permit) \$25

Accessory (Building Permit) \$50

Other Fees:

Zoning Certificate of Compliance \$50

Home Occupation \$50

Temporary Use \$25

Demolition \$25

Telecommunication Tower \$300

Co-Location \$250

Section 19: Other General Fees shall be charged as follows after July 1, 2020

General Other Fees:

Cemetery Lot	\$600
Grave Opening	\$425-700 (per Cemetery Ordinance)
Grave Marking	\$100
Return Check Fee	\$35
Administrative Fee for Utility Cut-Offs	\$15
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Section 20: All other fees for service, surcharges, etc. previously established by Council shall remain the same unless adjusted at some future date. All billing not paid on the due date is subject to a 10% late penalty.

Section 21: The Budget Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund as contained herein as follows:

- a. The Budget Officer may transfer amounts between object of expenditure within a department as defined by Ordinance without limitations.
- b. The Budget Officer may transfer amounts up to \$7,500 between departments as designed by Ordinance of the same fund with report on such transfers at the next regular Council meeting.

Section 22: Copies of the Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to all Department Heads for guidance in the disbursement of funds. A copy shall always be available for public inspections in the City Clerk's office.

Adopted this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

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Becky S. Smith, Mayor

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Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk

**City of Bessemer City  
Fee Schedule**



SERVICE	2019-2020	2020-2021
<b>WATER</b>		
Treated Water- Inside City	\$10.75 min. per month for 2,000 gal.	\$11.30 min. per month for 2,000 gal.
	\$6.60 per 1,000 gal. over 2,000	\$6.95 per 1,000 gal. over 2,000
Treated Water- Outside City	Double Rates Above	Double Rates Above
Raw Water	\$0.90 per 1,000 gal.	\$0.95 per 1,000 gal.
Water Deposit	\$100/\$150/\$300	\$100/\$150/\$300
Reconnect Fee	\$35	\$35
Broken Lock Fee	\$300	\$300
Meter Tampering	\$500	\$500
Administrative Fee	\$40	\$40
Illegal Turn-on Fee	\$150	\$150
Meter Reset	\$150	\$150
Water Tap Fees*		
<i>¾ Inch Line</i>	\$1,500	\$450
<i>1 Inch Line</i>	\$1,550	\$500
<i>1 ½ Inch Line</i>	\$1,600	\$550
<i>2 Inch Line</i>	\$1,650	\$600
<i>*plus cost of meter</i>		
<b>SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES</b>		
<i>Residential Dwelling Unit- 2 bedrooms</i>		\$3,861.00
<i>Residential Dwelling Unit- 3 bedrooms</i>		\$4,211.00
<i>Residential Dwelling Unit – 4 bedrooms</i>		\$5,573.00
<i>Church w/o Kitchen, Day Care or Camp</i>		\$4, 869.00
<i>Restaurant, Full Service (20 emp.)</i>		\$5,410.00
<i>Convenience Store w/ food Preparation (2,500 sq ft.)</i>		\$16,230.00
<i>Stores &amp; Shopping Center w/o Food Service (25,000 sq ft.)</i>		\$27,050.00
<b>SEWER</b>		
Sewer- Inside City	\$14.60 per month for 2,000 gal. of water metered	\$15.35 min. per month for 2,000 gal. of water metered
	\$11.20 per 1,000 gal. over 2,000 gal. of water metered	\$11.75 per 1,000 gal. over 2,000 gal. of water metered
	\$6.30 per 1,000 gal. over 1 million	\$6.65 per 1,000 gal. over 1 million



Sewer- Outside City	Double Rates Above	Double Rates Above
Sewer Tap Fees		
4 Inch	\$1,850	\$500
6 Inch	\$1,950	\$600
<b>SEWER USER SURCHARGES</b>		
High Strength BOD	\$0.02400 per lb. (for high strength >250 mg/L)	
High Strength TSS	\$0.0450 per lb. (for high strength >250 mg/L)	
High Strength O & G	\$0.10 per lb. (for high strength >100 mg/L)	
High Strength TKN	\$0.4830 per lb. (for high strength >25 mg/L)	
High Strength TP	\$0.8470 per lb. (for high strength > 8 mg/L)	
Permit Fees		
Initial Issuance	SIU Fee- \$1,000 Local Permit Fee- \$500	
Annual Maintenance	SIU Fee- \$250 Local Permit Fee- \$100	
Reopening Fee	SIU Fee- \$500 Local Permit Fee- \$250	
Monitoring Fees (per event)		
Composite Sample Event	\$300	
Acute Toxicity Screening	\$600	
Chronic Toxicity Screening	\$1,200	
TTO with Pesticide Analysis	\$550	
TTO without Pesticide Analysis	\$500	
<b>AVAILABILITY FEES</b>		
Water and Sewer Availability Fees	Inside Customers Connected to Water but not to Sewer- \$14.60	Inside Customers Connected to Water but not to Sewer- \$15.35
	Inside Customers Connected to Sewer but not to Water- \$10.75	Inside Customers Connected to Sewer but not to Water- \$11.30
	Inside Customers not Connected to Water or Sewer Service: \$25.35 (\$10.75 Water + \$14.60 Sewer)	Inside Customers not Connected to Water or Sewer Service: \$26.65 (\$11.30 Water + \$15.35 Sewer)
<b>METER CHECKS</b>		
	One Free Check Per Year	One Free Check Per Year
	Defective Meter replaced free of charge	Defective Meter replaced free of charge
	Non-Defective Meter will result in a charge of \$25 + cost of testing	Non-Defective Meter will result in a charge of \$25 + cost of testing
<b>STORM WATER</b>		
Residential	\$3.07/Month	\$3.07/Month
Commercial	\$6.00/Month	\$6.00/Month
Industrial	\$12.00/Month	\$12.00/Month
<b>SOLID WASTE</b>		

Waste Collection (Weekly)	Residential and Commercial: \$11.00/month per container	Residential and Commercial: \$11.00/month per container
Waste Collection (Twice- Weekly)	Commercial Only: \$10.00/month per container	Commercial Only: \$11.00/month per container
Solid Waste Fee (Bulk, Bush, and Debris)*	\$10.00 per residential/apartment unit	\$11.00 per residential/apartment unit
<i>*This fee is only applied to units that are not charged a solid waste collection fee.</i>		
<b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT</b>		
Board of Adjustment		
<i>Variance Request</i>	\$150	\$150
<i>Appeals</i>	\$150	\$150
<i>Conditional Use Permit</i>	\$150	\$150
<i>Special Exception</i>	\$150	\$150
Planning Board		
<i>Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning)</i>	\$300	\$300
<i>Zoning Text Change</i>	\$300	\$300
Other Fees		
<i>Zoning Verification</i>	\$25	\$25
<i>New Single Family</i>	\$100	\$100
<i>New Multi Family</i>	\$150 + \$5 per unit	\$150 + \$5 per unit
<i>Additions</i>	\$20-\$50	\$20-\$50
<i>Accessory</i>	\$40	\$40
<i>Non- Residential up to 5,000 Square Feet</i>	\$100	\$100
<i>Non-Residential 5,001-10,000 Square Feet</i>	\$200 + \$1 per 1,000 Sq. Ft.	\$200 + \$1 per 1,000 Sq. Ft.
<i>Non-Residential Greater Than 10,001 Square Feet</i>	\$300 + \$1 per 1,000 Sq. Ft.	\$300 + \$1 per 1,000 Sq. Ft.
<i>Minor Subdivision Plat</i>	\$50	\$50
<i>Major Sub Division Plat</i>	\$50	\$100 + \$5 per lot
<i>Recombination Plat</i>	\$50	\$50
Zoning Permits		
<i>Sign Permit</i>	\$50	\$50
<i>Accessory Building Verification (No Building Permit Required)</i>	\$25	\$25
<i>Accessory Building Verification (Building Permit Required)</i>	\$50	\$50
<i>Zoning Certificate of Compliance</i>	\$50	\$50
<i>Demolition Permit</i>	\$25	\$25
<i>Home Occupation Permit</i>	\$50	\$50
<i>Temporary Use Permit</i>	\$25	\$25
<i>Telecommunication Tower Permit</i>	\$300	\$300
<i>Telecommunication Tower Permit (Co-Location)</i>	\$100	\$100
<b>CITY COUNCIL</b>		

Code Enforcement Appeal	\$150	\$150
<b>NATURAL GAS</b>		
Gas Per MCF		
<i>Residential (All Usage)/Month</i>		Operating Expense + \$9.40 per MCF
<i>Business Level 1 (1-24,000 MCF)/Month</i>		Cost at Gate + \$5.00 per MCF
<i>Business Level 2 (24,001-30,000 MCF)/Month</i>		Cost at Gate + \$3.00 per MCF
<i>Business Level 3 (30,001 MCF or More) /Month</i>		Cost at Gate + \$1.50 per MCF
<i>All Rates above are based off of monthly usage.</i>		
Other Gas Fees		
<i>Gas Taps</i>	See Gas Tap and Rebate Policy	See Gas Tap and Rebate Policy
<i>Gas Deposits</i>	\$150/\$225/\$300	\$150/\$225/\$300
<i>Gas Minimum Availability Fees</i>	\$8.70/\$9.10/\$200/\$400	\$8.70/\$9.10/\$200/\$400
<i>Cut-Off List Admin. Fee</i>	\$15	\$15
<i>Reconnect Fee</i>	\$40	\$40
<i>After Hours Cutoff</i>	\$100	\$125
<i>Admin Fee</i>	\$40	\$40
<b>OTHER FEES</b>		
Return Check Fee	\$40	\$35
Copies		
<i>B &amp; W up to 8 ½ X 14</i>	\$0.10/page	\$0.45/page
<i>Color up to 8 ½ X 14</i>	\$0.15/page	\$0.50/page
City Truck Rental*	\$50	\$50
<i>* Additional Fees may apply if waste exceeds 1 ton.</i>		
<b>CEMETERY</b>		
Cemetery Lot	\$600	\$600
Grave Marking Fee	\$100	\$100
Grave Opening	\$425-\$715	\$425-\$715