



GEORGIA
FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE

FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE NO. 26

ZONE SCHEDULE

Including
Rules, Policies, Rates and Charges

Grantee:
Georgia Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc.

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General Rules and Policies of FTZ #26

Georgia Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc. (GFTZ) was formed as a non-profit, 501(c)(6) tax-exempt corporation for the express purposes of becoming the zone grantee of the Atlanta Port and to foster economic growth in Georgia. GFTZ was approved as the Zone Grantee of Foreign Trade Zone #26 in January 1977. From its inception, the Mission of GFTZ has been to promote, support and stimulate economic growth in Georgia. GFTZ owns no property, nor does it act as operator of any FTZ facility.

All FTZ #26 SITE OPERATORS are required to enter into an Operating Agreement with GFTZ, which must be fully executed prior to submission of FTZ Application / Request to the federal FTZ Board. Provided within this Agreement is the requirement that FTZ #26 SITE OPERATORS shall maintain and be responsible for the operation and management of the FTZ SITES. All operations shall be in conformity with the authority granted to GFTZ, as the zone grantee, and in compliance with all applicable local, state and national laws, ordinances and regulations.

FTZ #26 Rates and Charges

Fee Basis:

Georgia Foreign-Trade Zone (GFTZ) was created as a non-profit Georgia corporation in 1975 for the express purpose of serving as a Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) grantee for the benefit of the general public. As the grantee of FTZ #26, and pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of 1935, as amended (15 USC §81 et seq.) and 15 CFR 400.42, GFTZ is authorized to charge fair and reasonable fees to users of FTZ #26.

The federally approved Service Area for FTZ #26 includes the following counties:

Banks	Columbia	Gilmer	Jasper	Paulding	Twiggs*
Barrow	Coweta	Gordon	Jones	Peach *	Upson
Bartow	Crawford	Greene	Lamar	Pickens	Walker
Bibb	Dawson	Gwinnett	Lumpkin	Pike	Walton
Butts	DeKalb	Hall	Meriwether	Polk	Whitfield
Carroll	Douglas	Haralson	Monroe	Putnam	White*
Chattooga	Fayette	Harris	Morgan	Richmond	
Cherokee	Floyd	Heard	Murray	Rockdale	
Clarke	Forsyth	Henry	Muscogee	Spalding	
Clayton	Franklin*	Houston*	Newton	Talbot	
Cobb	Fulton	Jackson	Oconee	Troup	

* Partial

Costs and fees to establish, implement and maintain FTZ procedures at a site depend largely on the location of the site and the type of activity to be performed under FTZ procedures.

GFTZ's primary responsibility is to administer the overall zone project while promoting the benefits and requirements of the FTZ program to businesses within Georgia. The annual fee charged to operators (individual companies using FTZ procedures at their facility) covers all GFTZ operating expenses as well as some expenses directly attributable to operator services including:

- Membership in the National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones (NAFTZ)
- Limited registration and travel costs related to NAFTZ seminars*
- FTZ #26 operator roundtable meetings

GFTZ's Fee Schedule is established to comply with the Act's requirement that all rates and charges for services and privileges are fair and reasonable and that all users shall be treated uniformly under like circumstances. In specific situations, GFTZ may seek a waiver of this requirement from the U.S. FTZ Board.

FTZ Site Designation Fees

Magnet Site, Usage-Driven Site, Subzone Site

1. Magnet Site:

An industrial / business park designated a FTZ with the intention of attracting FTZ users (companies that will locate at the site and use FTZ procedures at their facility).

FTZ #26 Magnet Sites

- Atlanta Tradeport (adjacent to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Int'l Airport)
- Green Valley Industrial Park – Griffin (Green Valley Rd & SR 16)
- Hamilton Business Center – Buford (Hamilton Mill Rd & I-985)

New Magnet Sites:

GFTZ will consider the submission of an FTZ application for a new Magnet Site on behalf of public and private development organizations based on several factors including:

- The site is within the FTZ #26 Service Area
- Proximity of the site to major transportation corridors
- Detailed explanation of why the site is needed to provide FTZ services
- Signed letters of interest on letterhead from firms considered prime prospects for use of this particular site
- Confirmation that FTZ designation or the use of FTZ procedures is not a requirement or a precondition for future activity or construction at the site
- Property owner consent to FTZ designation of the site
- Property Owner Agreement and Developer Agreement with GFTZ

Magnet Site Designation & Application Fees:

- Site Designation Fee: Non-refundable \$10,000 fee payable to GFTZ prior to application submission.
- Application Fee: Non-refundable \$1,600 fee payable to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Dept. of Commerce upon submission of the application.
- Before a company can use FTZ procedures at a facility within an approved magnet site, individual applications to the FTZ Board and local U.S. Customs regarding specific operations of that facility must be approved. The prospective FTZ user/operator is typically responsible for costs related to FTZ start-up.

Sunset Provision: A standard five-year sunset period applies to each Magnet Site removing FTZ designation if there is no FTZ activity (“Activation”) during the five years.

2. Usage-Driven Site / Subzone within Service Area:

A company located within the FTZ #26 Service Area with a demonstrated need for FTZ services at their facility. FTZ designation is tied to the specific company and limited to the space needed by the company. If the company seeks FTZ benefits related to production within the facility, a Production Notification must be submitted to the FTZ Board, in addition to the site designation application.

- **Application Fee: \$7,500** - One-time, non-refundable fee payable to GFTZ prior to submission of application to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board. Fee is waived if the facility is located within an approved FTZ #26 Magnet Site.
- **Activation Fee: \$2,500** – One-time, non-refundable fee payable to GFTZ at time of request for grantee concurrence of activation. **Activation Preparation Costs:** Applicants typically contract with a third party for Activation related services. Detailed information on the Activation process is available at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/ftzpage/>
- **Annual Operating Fee: \$23,000***
 - First payment due upon notice of activation and is pro-rated for the time remaining in the calendar year.
 - Thereafter, the annual fee is due in full on or before January 31st

*Annual fee reduced to \$5,000 for 3rd party warehouse/logistics providers offering FTZ services to multiple customers within their approved FTZ #26 facility. NAFTA seminar expense benefit as outlined on p. 1 does not apply to this annual fee structure.

Sunset Provision: A standard three-year sunset period applies to each Usage-Driven Site. The deadline is extended for an additional three years based on admission of foreign-status merchandise during each sunset period.

3. Expansion of Usage Driven Site / Subzone:

An approved Usage Driven Site or Subzone site operator seeking to expand or move its FTZ operation to another facility within the Service Area.

- **Activation Fee: \$1,500** - One-time, non-refundable fee payable to GFTZ at time of request for grantee concurrence of activation. **Activation Preparation Costs:** Applicants typically contract with a third party for Activation related services. Detailed information on the Activation process is available at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/ftzpage/>.

4. Subzone Site beyond Service Area:

If an individual facility is located outside of the FTZ #26 Service Area but has a demonstrated need for FTZ services, GFTZ will consider sponsoring a subzone application on behalf of the company to obtain authorization for use of FTZ procedures at that facility. This process depends largely on concurrence from local U.S. Customs and the distance from the Customs Port of Entry to the proposed subzone site is a primary factor.

- **Application Fees: \$9,000 - \$11,500**
 - One-time, non-refundable fee payable to GFTZ prior to submission of application to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board.
 - \$5,000
 - Non-refundable to Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce:
 - \$4,000 – No production activity or production with less than 3 products.
 - \$6,500 – Production activity with 3 or more products.

- **Activation Fee: \$2,500** – Non-refundable payable to GFTZ at time of request for grantee concurrence of activation.

- **Annual Fee to GFTZ: \$23,000**
 - First payment due within 90 days of approval of the subzone application or upon activation of the site, whichever comes first, and is pro-rated for time remaining in the calendar year.
 - Thereafter, the annual fee is due in full on or before January 31st