

RESOLUTION 2024-02

TOWN OF WHEATON, CHIPPEWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FIRE SERVICES RATES

A RESOLUTION authorizing the associated charges and subsequent invoicing for Fire (Event/Call) Services:

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheaton recognizes the purpose of this resolution is to establish a written fee schedule to recover costs of providing fire and rescue services by the Wheaton Fire & Rescue (hereafter designated "WFR") and other emergency response services as described in this schedule.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Wis. Statutes, the Town of Wheaton is given authority to manage and control municipal property, finances and the public service and to act for the government and good order of the municipalities it serves, and for its commercial benefit and for the health, safety, and welfare convenience of the public.

IT IS, THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

The Town of Wheaton HEREBY AUTHORIZES Wheaton Fire & Rescue (WFR) to act on the behalf of the Town and WFR to charge and invoice those applicable Parties involved with an emergency event / call as described below:

Town Residents – Town fire services for residents will not be charged, assessed, or invoiced except for the following rates:

- 1) Excavation services – Actual costs.
- 2) Out of control fires started by residents – Actual costs.

Non-Residents – Town fire services for non-Township property owners and for non-residents shall be charged at the following rates:

- 1) \$500 minimum charge for accidents (on highway or town roads) + hourly wages of firefighters involved in the call and reimbursement for medical equipment and supplies at actual cost(s). Accidents occurring on a Federal, State, or County highway will be reimbursed by that non-tax paying authority, provided the Town does not receive reimbursement from the party's insured, and involves extraction, fire in a vehicle, vegetation or a structure, and for removal of gasoline spills or other hazardous materials. Reimbursements by non-tax paying property owners is required by law.
- 2) Incendiary / Arson / Criminal Damage to Property - \$500 to \$1,000 and will be at the discretion of the Fire Chief.
- 3) Third and subsequent false alarm calls during a 12-month period - \$250 to \$500. \$250 each occurrence immediately following the 12-month period.
- 4) Natural Disasters / Governors Declaration – Actual costs.
- 5) Third part events, including music festivals, etc. – As negotiated
- 6) Fire Inspection Fees – from \$25 to \$250 (at the discretion of the Fire Chief); repeat visits with no further action are no additional charge. Further action, additional fees shall be \$50.
- 7) Court Testimony / Depositions - \$125 per hour per person

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Wheaton hereby adopts resolution 2021-03 under Sec. 60.80 Wis. Stats.

ADOPTED this 11th day of JUNE, 2024.

Vacant, Town Chair

Ken Books, Supervisor

Alice Droske, Supervisor

Mary Rudd, Supervisor

Carolyn Kaiser, Supervisor

ATTEST: I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Town of Wheaton Board at a legal meeting held on this 11th day of JUNE, 2024.

Scott Deutscher, Clerk