

ORDINANCE NO. 19-22

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM TO CHARGE MITIGATION RATES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES BY THE ROLLING MEADOWS FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED/RENDERED.

WHEREAS, the emergency and non-emergency services response activity to incidents continues to increase each year; Environmental Protection requirements involving equipment and training, and Homeland Security regulations involving equipment and training, creating additional demands on all operational aspects of the fire department services; and

WHEREAS, the fire department has investigated different methods to maintain a high level of quality of emergency and non-emergency service capability throughout times of constantly increasing service demands, where maintaining an effective response by the fire department decreases the costs of incidents to insurance carriers, businesses, and individuals through timely and effective management of emergency situations, saving lives and reducing property and environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, raising real property tax to meet the increase in service demands would not be fair when the responsible party(s) should be held accountable for their actions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the Rolling Meadows Fire Department desires to implement a fair and equitable procedure by which to collect said mitigation rates and shall establish a billing system in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Rolling Meadows, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: The Rolling Meadows Fire Department shall initiate mitigation rates for the delivery of emergency and non-emergency services by the fire department for personnel, supplies and equipment to the scene of emergency and non-emergency incidents as listed in "EXHIBIT A". The mitigation rates shall be based on actual costs of the services and that which is usual, customary and

reasonable (UCR) as shown in "EXHIBIT A", which may include any services, personnel, supplies, and equipment and with baselines established by addendum to this document.

SECTION TWO: A claim shall be filed to the responsible party(s) through their insurance carrier. In some circumstances, the responsible party(s) will be billed directly.

SECTION THREE: The fire department's City Council may make rules or regulations and from time to time may amend, revoke, or add rules and regulations, not consistent with this Section, as they may deem necessary or expedient in respect to billing for these mitigation rates or the collection thereof.

SECTION FOUR: This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days (30) from the date of adoption, approval and publication as provided by law.


SECTION FIVE: The Mitigation Rates lists in Exhibit A will increase by 1.5% annually or based on the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as developed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, whichever is more. Rate adjustments will occur on the anniversary date of this ordinance/resolution to keep the fire department's cost recovery program in conformity with increasing operating expenses.

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ABSENT: Budmats

Passed this and Approved this 12th day of March, 2019.



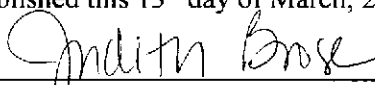
Len Prejna, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judith Brose, Deputy City Clerk

Published this 13th day of March, 2019.



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EXHIBIT A

**MITIGATION RATES
BASED ON PER HOUR**

The mitigation rates below are average "billing levels", and are typical for the incident responses listed, however, when a claim is submitted, it will be itemized and based on the actual services provided.

MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENTS-

Level 1 - \$487.00

Provide hazardous materials assessment, decontamination of persons, equipment, and area. Provide scene safety, fire exposure hose line, tools, and equipment necessary to provide isolation and/or stabilization of the incident setting. This will be the most common "billing level". This occurs almost every time the fire department responds to an accident/incident.

Level 2 - \$554.00 - in excess of 30 up to 60 minutes

Includes Level 1 services as well as clean up and material used (sorbents) for hazardous fluid clean up and disposal. We will bill at this level if the fire department has to provide mitigation of gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident/incident.

Level 3 - CAR FIRE - \$677.00 in excess of 60 minutes

Provide scene safety, fire suppression, breathing air, rescue tools, hand tools, hose, tip use, foam, structure protection, and clean up gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident/incident.

ADD-ON SERVICES:

Extrication - \$1,461.00 per event per vehicle

Includes heavy rescue tools, ropes, airbags, cribbing etc. This charge will be added if the fire department has to free/remove anyone from the vehicle(s) using any equipment. We will not bill at this level if the patient is simply unconscious and fire department is able to open the door to access the patient. This level is to be billed only if equipment is deployed.

Itemized Response: You have the option to bill each incident as an independent event with custom mitigation rates, for each incident using, itemized rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized per apparatus, per personnel, plus products and equipment used.

ADDITIONAL TIME ON-SCENE

Engine billed at \$448 per hour.

Truck billed at \$560 per hour.

Miscellaneous equipment billed at \$336.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Level 1 - \$784.00 - up to 60 minutes

Basic Response: Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment to identify, analyze or detect hazard. Remove or isolate hazard, monitor, sample, and establish ingress, egress, and perimeter for executing the evacuations, set-up, and command.

Level 2 - \$2,800.00 - up to 180 minutes

Intermediate Response: Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, hazmat certified team and appropriate equipment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, set-up and command, Level A or B suit donning, breathing air and detection equipment. Set-up and removal of decontamination center.

Level 3 - \$6,608.00 - in excess of 180 minutes

Advanced Response: Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, hazmat certified team and appropriate equipment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, first responder set-up and command, Level A or B suit donning, breathing air and detection equipment and robot deployment. Set-up and removal of decontamination center, detection equipment, recovery and identification of material. Disposal and environment clean up. Includes above in addition to any disposal rates of material and contaminated equipment and material used at scene. **Billed at \$2,240 which includes 3 hours of on scene time - each additional hour rate is \$56 per hour per rescue person, and \$112 per hour per HAZMAT team member**

ADDITIONAL TIME ON-SCENE (for all levels of service)

Engine billed at \$448 per hour.

Truck billed at \$560 per hour.

Miscellaneous equipment billed at \$336.

FIRE INVESTIGATION

Fire Investigation Team - \$308.00 per hour that commences 60 minutes after the stated "stop loss" or "control time"

Includes:

- Scene Safety
- Investigation
- Source Identification
- K-9/Arson Dog Unit
- Identification Equipment
- Mobile Detection Unit
- Fire Report

The claim begins when the Fire Investigator responds to the incident and is billed for logged time only.

FIRES - No intent to bill residents single family homes unless the determined the cause to be INTENTIONAL or MISUSE OF THE RESIDENCE AND ADJACENT PROPERTIES FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN NORMAL MUNICIPAL ZONING REGULATIONS.

Assignment - \$448.00 per hour, per engine / \$560.00 per hour, per truck

Includes:

- Ventilate
- Forcible Entry
- Evacuation of area or room
- Establish Safe Zone
- Provide Light or electrical power
- Operate Fire Apparatus for extinguishment, ventilation, rescue, and containment.
- Scene Safety
- Fire / Hazard Control/ Incident Command
- Mitigation of Fire Protection and Alerting Systems
- Restoration of Scene and Installed Fire Protection and Alerting Systems
- Investigation

This will be the most common "billing level". This occurs almost every time the fire department responds to an incident.

OPTIONAL: A fire department has the option to bill each fire as an independent event with custom mitigation rates and or an itemized, per person, at various pay levels and for itemized products used.

ILLEGAL FIRES

Assignment - \$448.00 per hour, per engine / \$560.00 per hour, per truck – all minutes for all incidents

When a fire is started by any person or persons that requires a fire department response during a time or season when fires are regulated or controlled by local or state rules, provisions or ordinances because of pollution or fire danger concerns, such person or persons will be liable for the fire department response at a cost not to exceed the actual expenses incurred by the fire department to respond and contain the fire. Similarly, if a fire is started where permits are required for such a fire and the permit was not obtained and the fire department is required to respond to contain the fire the responsible party will be liable for the response at a cost not to exceed the actual expenses incurred by the fire department. The actual expenses will include direct labor, equipment costs and any other costs that can be reasonably allocated to the cost of the response.

WATER INCIDENTS

Level 1 – Basic/Immediate Response: Includes engine and squad response, first responder assignment, perimeter establishment, self-rescue evacuations, first responder set-up and command, scene safety and investigation (including possible patient contact, hazard control). This will be the most common "billing level". This occurs almost every time the fire department responds to a water rescue incident.

Billed at \$448 plus \$56 per hour, per rescue person.

Level 2

Advanced Response: Includes Level 1 services as well as the first responder entering the water to perform a rescue. Set up of high-line rigging, boat deployment, rescue swimmer, back-up swimmers, tension diagonal lines, donning a dry suit or mustang suit, patient packaging, and decontamination. This occurs every time a victim is unable to self-rescue.

Billed at \$896 plus \$56 per hour, per rescue person.

Itemized Response: You have the option to bill each incident as an independent event with custom mitigation rates for each incident using itemized rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized, per trained rescue person, plus rescue products used.

SPECIAL RESCUE FROM BACK COUNTRY, FORESTED AREAS, ICE SURFACE, AND ABOVE OR BELOW GRADE SITES.

Itemized Response: Each incident will be billed with custom mitigation rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized per apparatus per hour, per trained rescue person per hour, plus rescue products used.

Minimum billed \$448 for the first response vehicle plus \$56 per rescue person. Additional rates of \$448 per hour per response vehicle and \$56 per hour per rescue person.

CHIEF RESPONSE

This includes the set-up of Command and Divisions that formulate and order the execution of an Incident Action Plan that provides directive actions to operate, provide a safe working zone, mitigation, and administration of the incident.

Billed at \$280 per hour.

MISCELLANEOUS / ADDITIONAL TIME ON-SCENE

Engine billed at \$448 per hour.

Truck billed at \$560 per hour.

Miscellaneous equipment billed at \$336.

MITIGATION RATE NOTES

The mitigation rates above are average "billing levels", and are typical for the incident responses listed, however, when a claim is submitted, it will be itemized and based on the actual services provided.

These average mitigation rates were determined by itemizing costs for a typical run (from the time a fire apparatus leaves the station until it returns to the station) and are based on the actual costs, using amortized schedules for apparatus (including useful life, equipment, repairs, and maintenance) and labor rates (an average department's "actual personnel expense" and not just a firefighter's basic wage). The actual personnel expense includes costs such as wages, retirement, benefits, workers comp, insurance, etc.