

SECTION 3

1303.000. ESTABLISHING FEES FOR EMERGENCY PROTECTION AND FIRE SERVICES

1303.001. PURPOSES AND INTENT. This ordinance is adopted for the purpose of authorizing the City of Winsted to charge for fire service as authorized by Minnesota Statutes §§ 366.011, 366.012, and 415.01.

1303.002. DEFINITIONS.

- A. “Fire service” means any deployment of firefighting personnel and/or equipment to extinguish a fire or perform any preventative measure in an effort to protect equipment, life, or property in an area threatened by fire. It also includes the deployment of firefighting personnel and/or equipment to provide fire suppression, rescue, extrication, and any other services related to fire and rescue as may occasionally occur.
- B. “Fire service charge” means the charge imposed by the City for receiving fire service.
- C. “Motor vehicle” means any self-propelled vehicle designed and originally manufactured to operate primarily upon public roads and highways, and not operated exclusively upon railroad tracks. It includes semi-trailers. It does not include snowmobiles, manufactured homes, all-terrain vehicles, or park trailers.
- D. “Fire protection contract” means a contract between the City and a town or other city for the City to provide fire service.
- E. “Mutual aid agreement” means an agreement between the City and a town or other city for the City’s fire department to provide assistance to the fire department of a town or other city.

1303.003 PARTIES AFFECTED.

- A. Owners of property within the City who receive fire service.
- B. Anyone who receives fire service as a result of a motor vehicle accident or fire within the City.
- C. Owners of property in towns or cities to which the City provides fire service pursuant to a fire protection contract.

1303.004 RATES AND FEES. Rates and fees may be established and reviewed annually by the City Council in accordance with the City’s fee schedule.

1303.005 BILLING AND COLLECTION.

- A. **REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTAIN FIRE PROTECTION, MEDICAL, AND RESCUE SERVICES.** The City may bill and collect, and a recipient described herein shall pay in accordance with the City’s fee schedule to recoup the costs of providing fire protection, medical, and rescue services within the Fire Department Service Area (benefited area).

- 1303.006. MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT.** When the Fire Department provides fire service to another fire department pursuant to a Mutual Aid Agreement, any billing will be determined by the Mutual Aid Agreement.
- 1303.007. BILLING PROCEDURE FOR FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACTS WITH TOWNS OR OTHER CITIES.** When the Fire Department provides emergency services to another fire department pursuant to a Fire Protection Contract, the billing will be determined by the Contract.
- 1303.008. APPLICATION OF COLLECTIONS TO BUDGET.** All collected emergency charges will be city funds and used to offset the expenses of the Fire Department in providing emergency services.

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