

TOWN OF GRAND CHUTE ORDINANCE

SERIES OF O-13-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GRAND CHUTE, OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, WISCONSIN, AMENDING EXISTING CHAPTER 291 FOR THE TOWN OF GRAND CHUTE, OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, WISCONSIN, BY ADDING SECTION 291-14 PERTAINING TO FIRE DEPARTMENT FEES

WHEREAS, the Town of Grand Chute Fee Schedule includes charges for Billable Incidents, Materials for hazardous substance spills, and Vehicle-related incidents (extrications and fires) without reference to ordinance language; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Grand Chute has determined the need to amend said Municipal Code to add language to clarify and update existing fire department fee descriptions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Grand Chute, Outagamie County, Wisconsin, that Chapter 291 of the Code of General Ordinances is hereby amended BY adding Section 291-14 as shown on the attached Exhibit "A".

If any provision of this ordinance is invalid or unconstitutional, or the application of this ordinance to any person or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the above provisions or applications of this ordinance, which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision, or its application.

Approved and adopted this 21 day of November, 2023.

Number Voted For 5
Number Voted Against 0

Town of Grand Chute



Jason Van Eperen
Town Chairman



Kayla Raatz
Town Clerk

§ 291-14 Fees for Fire Department Services.

A. The Grand Chute Fire Department shall charge a fee established by the Town Board for providing emergency and non-emergency services for responding to motor vehicle incidents and vehicle occupant extrication; hazardous material incidents; and helicopter landing site services. Residents of the Town shall not be charged for vehicle occupant extrication.

The fees shall include the cost of personnel, equipment, and disposable supplies used in providing those services. These rates are based on actual costs using amortized schedules for apparatus (including useful life, equipment, repairs, and maintenance). Labor rates include an average department's actual burdened labor costs and not just a firefighter's wage. These include wages, retirement, benefits, worker's comp, etc. The billing levels are for one hour of service, and are typical for the incident response listed, and are typical for the incident responses listed.

See current Fee Schedule for rates based on billing level(s) set forth below:

(1) Motor Vehicle Incidents

Level 1: Provide hazardous materials assessment and scene stabilization.

Level 2: Includes Level 1 services as well as clean up and material used (sorbents) for hazardous fluid clean up and disposal. This level will be used if the Fire Department has to clean up any gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident/incident.

Level 3: Vehicle Fire. Provide scene safety, fire suppression, breathing air, rescue tools, hand tools, hose, tip use, foam, structure protection, and clean up gasoline or other automotive fluid that are spilled as a result of the accident/incident.

(2) Special Services

Vehicle Occupant Extrication: 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. This level will not be billed if the patient is simply unconscious and the Fire Department is able to open the door to access the patient.

Creating a Landing Zone: This level will be billed any time a helicopter landing zone is creating and/or is utilized to transport the patient.

(3) Hazardous Materials Response

Level 1: Basic Response. Billing will include engine response, first responder assignment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, set-up and command.

Level 2: Intermediate Response. Billing 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 decon center.

Level 3: Advanced Response. Billing 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 decon center, detection equipment, recovery and identification of material. Disposal and environmental clean up. Includes above in addition to any disposal rates of material and contaminated equipment and material used at scene. Includes 3 hours of on scene time.

B. The fees charged to the responsible party may be billed to the responsible party's insurance company or directly to the responsible party(s) or both.

C. The Grand Chute Fire Department shall not refuse or delay in the provision of any service to any person who has failed to pay for Fire Department services when due.