

PUNXSUTAWNEY BOROUGH ORDINANCE # 1179

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PUNXSUTAWNEY, COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS OF THIS BOROUGH TO CHARGE AND RECOUP THE COSTS OF CERTAIN FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESCUE SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Punxsutawney [hereinafter referred to as "Borough"] has within its boundary the Punxsutawney Fire Department, consisting of 3 companies: Central, Elk Run and Lindsey Fire Companies [hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Fire Department"]; and

WHEREAS, the Borough financially supports the Fire Department providing services in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department is equipped to utilize certain fire and emergency rescue tools and equipment as a means of saving lives and property; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of tools and equipment is expensive for the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has requested the Borough to enact an Ordinance for recovery of the cost of said tools and equipment and the wear and tear upon such, for the cost of the specialized training required for the use of such and for the replacement of materials that are used from time to time; and

WHEREAS, insurance coverage often is available to effectuate the aforesaid cost recovery of the training, utilization of said tools, equipment and materials used by the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Borough believes it is in the best interests of its citizens and the Fire Department to pass an Ordinance for the above purposes of effecting said cost recoveries by the Fire Department per their request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Punxsutawney, County of Jefferson, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. As used herein, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context.

- A. **Person:** A natural person or individual, partnership, corporation, association, firm or any other legal entity.
- B. **Borough:** The Borough of Punxsutawney, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania.
- C. **Fire Department:** The Punxsutawney Fire Department, consisting of 3 companies: Central, Elk Run and Lindsey Fire Companies and any and all other persons providing emergency rescue services in the Borough to any Borough resident or other person or property within the Borough as authorized by the Borough Council.

D. Third Party Billing Service: Any entity authorized and utilized by the Borough or Fire Department for billing and collection or recovery of costs in accordance with the current schedule of fees.

In this Section, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular and each gender shall include all other genders.

Section 2. Authorization of Services and Equipment. The Borough authorizes the Fire Department to utilize such tools, equipment or materials and provide firefighting or other emergency rescue services as authorized by law or the Borough, for purposes of saving lives and property within the Borough or any other area in which the Fire Department is authorized by the Borough to provide same.

Section 3. Authorization to Recover Costs. The Borough, Fire Department and/or a Third Party Billing Service are authorized to affect the recovery of the costs of their respective services, tools, equipment and/or materials from any person for whom or for whose property such services were rendered or such tools, equipment or material were used, and from any insurance carrier or person providing insurance covering such persons or property.

Section 4. Charges and Invoicing. The Borough, Fire Department and/or a Third Party Billing Service may charge and invoice (a) any insurance carrier or other person providing insurance covering any person, vehicle, structure, business (profit or nonprofit) or other property; or (b) any person for whom or for whose property the Fire Department performs services or utilizes tools, equipment or materials, for the costs of such services rendered unto or tools, equipment or materials used for such persons or their property.

Section 5. Schedule of Fees. Borough Council of the Borough of Punxsutawney hereby adopts the fee schedule attached hereto as "Appendix A". Borough Council of the Borough of Punxsutawney may by resolution, from time to time, revise, amend or rescind a schedule of fees for the services, tools, equipment and materials described herein.

Section 6. Enforcement. In the event that any insurance carrier or person fails to pay any invoice described herein within thirty (30) days of the mailing or delivery of such invoice or notice of charges, the Borough, Fire Department and/or the Third Party Billing Service who mailed or delivered such invoice may recover and collect such charges and invoices from the insurance carrier or person to whom such invoice or notice of charges was given, together with interest, costs and attorney's fees, in any manner provided by law, including, within limitation, a civil action at law.

Section 7. Penalties and Remedies Not Mutually Exclusive. The remedies provided herein for the enforcement of this Ordinance and all other remedies provided by law shall not be deemed mutually exclusive; rather, they may be employed simultaneously or consecutively, at the option of the Borough, Fire Department and/or a Third Party Billing Service.

Section 8. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 9. Severability. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Borough that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 12 day of Feb, 2024, in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

Michelle Peace
Michelle Peace, Borough Secretary

BY THE BOROUGH:

Justin Cameron
Justin Cameron, Council President
Josh McAtaus vice

Read and approved by me this 12 day of Feb, 2024

Richard Alexander
Richard Alexander, Mayor



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PAFRS COMPLETE BILLING SCHEDULE

APPARATUS:

ALL Apparatus = Charged Per Hour	Aerial/Ladder Response	\$ 400.00
	Engine Response	\$ 350.00
	Rescue Response	\$ 300.00
	Tanker Response	\$ 300.00
	Utility Response	\$ 150.00
	Battalion/Chief Vehicle Response	\$ 150.00
	Marine Unit Response	\$ 150.00

EXPENDABLES/EQUIPMENT:

Oil Absorbent Material	\$35.00/Per Unit
Oil Absorbent Sheet	\$2.50/Per Sheet
Oil Absorbent Boom	\$20.00/Per Unit
Flare	\$8.00/Per Unit
Foam	\$65.00/Per Gallon
Wetting Agent	\$25.00/Per Gallon
Fire Line Tape	\$0.25/Per Foot
Extinguisher	\$50.00/Per Unit
Deodorizer	\$25.00/Per Unit
Salvage Cover	\$35.00/Per Unit
Rescue Rope	\$0.99/Per Foot
Work Rope	\$0.49/Per Foot
Chimney Bomb	\$25.00/Per Unit
Garbage Bag	\$2.50/Per Unit
Pro Pack	\$950.00/Per Unit
Turbo Flare	\$5.00/Per Unit
Plug Kit	\$25.00/Per Unit
Chemical Gloves	\$20.00/Per Pair
Emulsifier	\$50.00/Per Gallon
HazMat Pillow	\$20.00/Per Unit
Salt/Sand	\$15.00/Per Bucket
Putty	\$10.00/Per Unit
PRO-Pack Foam System	\$50.00/Per Unit
POK Foam Stick	\$25.00/Per Unit

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Chemical Suit	\$35.00/Per Unit
Digital Camera	\$25.00/Per Unit
Salvage Bucket	\$5.00/Per Unit
Hand Tool	\$15.00/Per Tool
Hand Light	\$5.00/Per Light
SCBA	\$50.00/Per Unit
SCBA Cylinder	\$25.00/Per Unit
Hose (Per 50' Sections)	\$25.00/Per Section
Gas/CO Detector	\$50.00/Per Unit
Heat Gun	\$50.00/Per Unit
Hot Stick	\$50.00/Per Unit
Power Tool	\$50.00/Per Unit
Hydraulic Tool	\$200.00/Per Tool
PPV/Ventilation Fan	\$50.00/Per Unit
Portable Pump	\$50.00/Per Unit
TIC/Thermal Imaging Camera	\$100.00/Per Unit
Cribbing (Passenger Vehicle)	\$100.00/Flat Rate
Cribbing (Class B Vehicle)	\$200.00/Flat Rate
Cribbing (Class A Truck)	\$500.00/Flat Rate
Rescue Struts	\$50.00/Per Unit
Ladder	\$35.00/Per Unit
Generator	\$50.00/Per Unit/Per Hour
Portable Pond	\$150.00/Per Unit
Blitz Fire	\$50.00/Per Unit
Turn Out Gear/PPE	\$250.00/Per Firefighter
Portable Radio	\$10.00/Per Unit
Traffic Cone	\$5.00/Per Unit
Safety Vest	\$2.50/Per Unit
Windshield Kit	\$25.00/Per Unit
GlassMaster	\$25.00/Per Unit
Stokes Basket	\$25.00/Per Unit
Air Bags	\$150.00/Per Unit
Air Tools	\$50.00/Per Unit
HazMat Suit	\$125.00/Per Unit
HazMat Pond	\$50.00/Per Unit
Chimney Kit	\$50.00/Per Unit
E-Flare	\$5.00/Per Unit
Crash Kit	\$50.00/Per Unit
Air Bag Safety Cover	\$25.00/Per Use
Heavy Duty HazMat Gloves	\$25.00/Per Pair
Chemical Resistant Drain Cover	\$100.00/Per Unit
Acid Absorbent Sock	\$141.00/Per Unit
Acid Absorbent Pad	\$61.00/Per Unit

Soda Ash	\$35.00/Per Unit
Bleach	\$5.00/Per Unit
Turnout Gear Cleaner	\$65.00/Per Gallon
Rehab Tent	\$50.00/Per Unit
Framing Nail	\$3.00/Per Unit
Lumber	\$8.00/Per Unit
Diamond Tip Saw Blade	\$244.95/Per Unit
Winch	\$50.00/Per Unit
Lock Out Kit	\$60.00/Per Unit
Food/Drinks for Standby	\$25.00/Flat Rate

GENERAL SERVICES:

Debris Cleanup & Removal	\$250.00/Flat Rate
Fire/Police Services	\$100.00/Per Hour
Traffic Control/Road Closure	\$100.00/Per Hour
Scene Lighting	\$75.00/Per Hour
Manpower (Career FF's ONLY)	\$50.00/Per Firefighter/Per Hour
Automatic Fire Alarm Response	\$300.00/Flat Rate
Spill Containment	\$150.00/Flat Rate
Fire Safety Inspection	\$110.00/Per Inspection
K-9 Arson Investigation	\$200.00/Per Investigation
Body Removal	\$250.00/Per Body
Cleanup/Scene Stabilization	\$250.00/Flat Rate
Tech/Heavy Rescue	\$750.00/Flat Rate
Lift Assist	\$75.00/Per Assist
Lift Assist w/ Special Equipment	\$150.00/Per Assist
High Angle Rescue	\$300.00/Per Assist

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT:

Latex Gloves	\$2.00/Per Pair
Tauma Kit	\$25.00/Per Unit
Oxygen	\$25.00/Per Unit
Cervical Collar	\$25.00/Per Unit
Patient Blanket	\$25.00/Per Unit
Body Bag	\$50.00/Per Unit
N95 Mask	\$10.00/Per Unit
Narcan Injection	\$50.00/Per Unit
Backboard	\$25.00/Per Unit
AED	\$50.00/Per Unit
Medical Extrication - Lvl 1	\$500.00/Flat Rate
Medical Extrication - Lvl 2	\$1,500.00/Flat Rate
Air Medical Landing Zone	\$250.00/Per Zone
Basic EMS Assistance	\$250.00/Flat Rate

MARINE EQUIPMENT:

Dry Suit	\$100.00/Per Suit
Wet Suit	\$100.00/Per Suit
SCUBA Tank	\$125.00/Per Unit
Life Vest	\$25.00/Per Unit