

Recommended Fees for Fire Protection Services for Customers Outside City Limits

City of Corpus Christi
Fire Department

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Background

- Objective: Establish Fire Protection Service fees for Fire Department response outside of the City's limits
- CCFD responds to calls for service both inside and outside of City limits
- Residents within the City limits support CCFD's budget via taxation
- Residents outside the City limits do not provide this type of support

Summary

- CCFD seeks a methodology for calculating all-inclusive costs for services rendered to customers when responding outside City limits
- These costs will be the basis for fees assessed to customers living outside the City limits who receive fire protection services

Methodology

Proposed fees will be calculated utilizing four components:

1. Response Readiness Fee
2. Fee for Service
3. Cost of Equipment
4. Mileage

Methodology

1. Response Readiness Fee (RRF):

- Charge for FD readiness
- Fee made in lieu of traditional taxation
- Based on total cost of providing service/number of taxed parcels within the City limits

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2. Fee for Service:

- Based on personnel costs of responding units
- Responding units vary depending on the call type
- Personnel costs will be multiplied by the number of hours engage in the call

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3. Cost of equipment:

- Based on FEMA Schedule of Equipment Rates
- Apparatus and equipment costs vary dependent on call type
- Cost of equipment will be multiplied by the number of hours engaged in the call

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4. Mileage:

- Based on annual IRS rate for mileage
- Number of responding units will vary dependent on call type
- Mileage rate will be multiplied by the travel distance for each unit dispatched

Next Steps

- Staff will bring this item to City Council for consideration of approval on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

Conclusion

- Invoice will be the total summation of the four components
- Invoice will vary based on the call type
- Invoice will be made to the property owner or responsible party

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