

# 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

# Methodology

## 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

# Methodology

## 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

# Methodology

## 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



# Billing

- Calculations will be made considerate of:
  - Call type
  - Number and type of resources responding including personnel and equipment costs
  - Duration of incident
  - Distance travelled by responding units
- False alarms or responses in which “no incident is found” would not result in a fee
  - This is consistent with inside the city limits fire response customers

## Billing Continued

- City will invoice homeowner/responsible party within 30 days of incident
  - Second invoice at 60 days
  - Third invoice at 120 days
  - At 180 days invoice will be considered delinquent and referred to third-party collection service
    - City will notify homeowner/responsible party
    - Homeowner/responsible party liable for:
      - Underlying debt
      - Costs incurred by City to effectuate collection by the third-party collection services to the extent allowed by State and Federal laws

## Next Steps

- Staff is analyzing the current fees for EMS responses for customers outside the city limits
- Plan to bring forward a briefing item to City Council once analysis is complete

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