

Effective July 16, 2015

Amendment to Washington Township Fire Charges Ordinance July 19, 2012

Amended to allow current contracted fire/rescue (Clinton County Fire and Rescue) and any future contracted Emergency Services Agency to collect fees up to \$350.00 for personal injury or health services.

Motion by Ronald Wolfe and supported by Sally Stoll. Motion carried unanimously.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE CHARGES ORDINANCE

An ordinance to establish charges for fire department services under public act 33 of 1951, as amended (Compiled law 41.801 to provide methods for the collection of such charges and exemptions therefrom.

THE TOWNSHIP OF Washington, Gratiot COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS.

Section 1: Purpose

The within ordinance is adopted for the purpose of providing financial assistance to the township from those receiving direct benefits from the fire protection service, in which the township has entered into a contract. It is the further purpose of the within ordinance to provide full contractual service, which is in part an at large governmental expense. and allows the individual property to receive service at a greatly reduced cost.

Section 2: Charges

The following charges shall hereafter be due and payable to the township from a recipient, be it a property owner or any non resident, of any of the following enumerated services.

A. Grass fire	\$500.00
B. Rubbish fire	\$500.00
C. Automobile fire	\$500.00
D. House fire	\$500.00
E. Fire in a commercial establishment	\$500.00
F. Fire in an industrial or manufacturing establishment	\$500.00
G. Fire in a multiple-family building	\$500.00
H. Hotel or motel fire	\$500.00
I. Aircraft fire	\$500.00
J. Train fire	\$500.00
K. Truck fire	\$500.00
L. Forest fire	\$500.00

Section 3: Time for Payment for Run

All of the foregoing charges shall be due and payable within 30 days from the date the service is rendered and in default of payment shall be collectable through proceedings in district court or in any court of competent jurisdiction as a matured debt.

Section 4: Collection of charges

The township may proceed in district court by suit to collect any monies remaining unpaid and shall have any and all other remedies provided by law for the collection of said charges.

Section 5: Multiple property protection

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When a particular service rendered by the contracted fire department directly benefits more than one person or property, the owner of each property so benefited and each person so benefited where property protection is not involved shall be liable for the payment of the full charge for such service hereinbefore outlined. the interpretation and application of the within section is hereby delegated to the township chief executive officer subject only to appeal, within the time limits for payment, to the township board and shall be administered so that charges shall only be collected from the recipients of the service.

Section 6: Effective date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.