

**City of Grant
Ordinance No. 57**

City of Grant Fire and Emergency Services Fee Ordinance

THE CITY OF GRANT ORDAINS:

Section I. Purpose

This Ordinance is adopted for the purpose of partially financing certain specific types of fire and emergency services enumerated herein furnished to corporations and companies that are neither residents nor owners of real property in the City of Grant and therefore not subject to taxes or special assessments.

Section II. Fire and Emergency Services Fee

A recipient or beneficiary of the enumerated fire emergency services set forth in Section II of this Ordinance rendered in the City of Grant by or on behalf of the Ashland-Grant Fire Department (made up of the City of Grant, Grant Township and Ashland Township and directed by a Joint Administrative Board) (hereinafter "Fire Department") in the City of Grant shall be responsible for payment to the Ashland-Grant Fire Department a fire and emergency services fee for the estimated costs of such services at a rate of \$150.00 per hour. This amount is based on the average costs of the provision of such service taking into account the personnel costs; fringe benefits; administrative cost; equipment costs; disposable personnel protective equipment; chemicals; safety equipment; and other service-related items.

Section III. Services for which Fire and Emergency Services Fee is Imposed

A fire and emergency services fee of \$150.00 per hour shall be imposed for Fire Department and other City services rendered, including stand-by services, in response to the following types of emergency incidents causing attendance of Fire Department personnel and/or equipment:

1. An incident involving downed power lines. Fire and emergency services fees shall commence after the first hour the Fire Department has responded to the incident and shall continue until all Fire Department personnel have concluded personnel-related responsibilities.

Section III. Billing Procedures

Following the conclusion of the emergency incident for which an emergency services fee is imposed, the Ashland-Grant Fire Department Clerk shall prepare an invoice to the responsible party(ies) for payment. The Clerk's invoice shall demand full payment within forty-five (45) days of the receipt of the bill. For any amounts due that remain unpaid after forty-five (45) days, the City shall impose a late charge of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof.

Section IV. Violations and Sanctions

Any Person or entity who neglects or refuses to pay the foregoing fire and emergency services fee within forty-five (45) days of the billing for the same shall be deemed to have committed a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan statute and shall be punished by a civil fine in addition to the payment of the required fee in accordance with the following schedule:

1. \$100.00 for each day that the aforesaid fee remains unpaid after the due date thereof but not to exceed \$500.

Additionally, the violator shall pay costs which may include all expenses direct and indirect with the City of Grant has incurred in connection with the municipal civil infraction. In no case, however, shall costs of less than \$9.00 be ordered.

In addition to the above, the City may pursue any other remedy, or may institute any appropriate action or proceeding, in a court of competent jurisdiction to collect fees imposed under this Ordinance. The recovery of fees imposed under this Ordinance does not limit the further liability of responsible parties under local ordinance or state or federal law, rule or regulation.

Section V. Severability

This Ordinance and the various sections, paragraphs, and clauses thereof, are hereby declared to be severable. If any section, paragraph, or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section VI. Repeal

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section VII. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect after its summary publication in a newspaper of general circulation, but no less than twenty-one (21) days from the date of its adoption as provided by the Grant City Charter.

CERTIFICATION

Commissioner Block moved the adoption of the foregoing ordinance, which was seconded by Pickard, and thereupon adopted by the City of Grant at a regular meeting held this 20th day of May, 2019.

Introduced: April 15, 2019

Adopted: May 20, 2019

Summary published: June 5, 2019

Effective Date: June 26, 2019