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MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 5, 2007
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
THRU: W. MARK PENTZ, CITY MANAGER
FROM: JIM ROXBURGH, FIRE CHIEF
SUBJECT: COUNTY ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approves Resolution No. 4119, amending the Citywide Fee Schedule, Section 3 relating to fees for services for fire and emergency responses.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: The Fire Department, along with Management Services, has updated the fee for services for fire and emergency responses contained in Chapter 27 & 28 of the City Code. The City updates all their fees for services on a regular basis. In anticipation of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Maricopa County to provide interim fire and medical services, the Fire Department did not submit a fee schedule with the other City fee changes and chose to wait until the IGA was approved by both parties. The IGA has now been approved by both parties. The Fire Department would like to submit a fee change to reflect what was agreed upon in the IGA. The fees that we are recommending to change are the fees associated with the "per call" fees contained in the Code. The "per call" fees have been calculated in the following manner:

$$\frac{\text{Fire Department's Operating Budget} + \text{Fire Asset Depreciation} + \text{Indirect Fire/City Expenses}}{\text{Fire Department Unit Responses}}$$

We believe this calculation is a reflection of the cost to have our entire system ready to respond to any one single incident. After this initial charge is billed, only labor costs for the time remaining on the scene are charged.

Also contained in this request are two new fees that Fire Department has determined to be necessary. These fees are for “Emergency Medical Stand-by” and for “Fire Prevention Stand-by”. The Fire Department often receives requests to “stand-by” for private events in the capacity of emergency medical and fire prevention. These fees reflect the charges that will be billed for these services.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The county islands that are included in this IGA will produce approximately 16 calls per month (this information was obtained from Rural Metro). According to the IGA we will receive payment for all calls that we respond to on county islands. It is anticipated that the City would receive \$300,000 - \$350,000 for providing services on a per response basis under the IGA. This sum should roughly correspond to the costs incurred by the department in providing these services. As such, the IGA should be revenue neutral.

PROPOSED MOTION: PASS AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4119, amending the Citywide Fee Schedule, Section 3 relating to fees for services for fire and emergency responses.

RESOLUTION NO. 4119

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE CITY FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the City and Maricopa County have entered into an Intergovernmental agreement for County Island Fire Protection that includes a fee schedule to fully cover the costs of providing emergency services on a per call basis; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 4035 included outdated cost schedules inconsistent with the subsequent IGA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1. The Fee Schedule, most recently amended on January 11, 2007 by Resolution No. 4035 is hereby further amended by deleting the current Section 3.3 Fire User Fee and replacing it with a new Section 3.3 with the fees as outlined in "Attachment A".

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of September 2007.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 4119 was duly passed and adopted by the City council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of September 2007, and that a quorum was present thereat.

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY



Res. 4119
Attachment A

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT, Chapters 27 & 28

3.1 Hazardous Materials Permit Fee [§28-7.2] (RES. #3312)

- (a) 550 pounds or less of materials on site.....\$100.00
- (b) more than 550 pounds of materials on site, annual fee300.00
- (c) HAZMAT materials management plan required, annual fee500.00

3.2 Fire Protection Business Permit [§28-6.2]

- Application fee..... No Charge

3.3 Fire User Fee [Ch.27-4] [§27-3 & 4] (RES. #4119)

Charges for Fire response where tactical actions are initiated or Emergency Medical Response where medical evaluation is initiated:

- (a) 4-person apparatus response: \$1680 per response apparatus plus the administrative and hourly personnel charges set forth below;
- (b) 2-person apparatus response: \$840 per response apparatus plus the administrative and hourly personnel charges set forth below;
- (c) 1-person apparatus response: \$420 per response apparatus plus the administrative and hourly personnel charges set forth below;
- (d) Additional hourly* personnel charge:
 - a. N/C for first hour of response;
 - b. \$29 per firefighter for hours 2 through 24
 - c. \$43 per hour per firefighter for hours 25 and beyond

* The additional hourly personnel charges will be billed in 15 minutes increments and measured from the time that fire apparatus/personnel leaves the fire station for a response to the time that fire apparatus/personnel arrive back at the fire station after the response.

- (e) Emergency Medical Stand-by:
 - a. Per Firefighter (per hour): \$40
 - b. Equipment Charge (per event) \$175
- (f) Fire Prevention Stand-by per person (per hour) \$40
- (g) Administrative charge: 10% of the charges assessed as outlined in (a) – (f)
- (h) Subscription fire service per \$100 of assessed value of property: \$1.99