

**LITTLEFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
EMMET COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CHARGES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES UNDER MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 33 OF 1951, AS AMENDED (COMPILED LAW 41.801 etc.) AND TO PROVIDE METHODS FOR THE COLLECTION OF SUCH CHARGES AND EXEMPTIONS THEREFROM.

THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLEFIELD, EMMET COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

**Section 1: PURPOSE**

The within ordinance is adopted for the purpose of providing financial assistance to the township in the operation of a fire department from those receiving direct benefits from the fire protection service. It is the further purpose of the within ordinance to provide for full funding of the fire department operation which remains, in part, an at-large governmental expense based upon the general benefits derived by all property owners within the township from existence of a township fire department and its availability to extinguish fires within the township and perform other emergency services.

**Section 2: Charges**

The following charges shall hereafter be due and payable to the township from a recipient of any of the following enumerated services from the township fire department:

- A. Grass fire (such as grass, leaves, yard clippings, etc.)
  - With a permit ----- \$ 250.00
  - Without a permit ----- \$ 500.00
- B. Rubbish Fire
  - In an authorized, screened, container ----- \$ 250.00
  - In an unauthorized, non-screened, container - \$ 500.00
- C. Automobile, Private Van or Pick-Up Fire ----- \$ 250.00
- D. One Family House Fire ----- \$ 500.00
- E. Multiple (more than 1) Family Building Fire ---\$1,000.00
- F. Commercial Establishment Fire ----- \$1,000.00
- G. Industrial Establishment Fire ----- \$1,000.00
- H. Manufacturing Establishment Fire ----- \$1,000.00
- I. Hotel or Motel Fire ----- \$1,000.00
- J. Aircraft Fire ----- \$1,000.00
- K. Commercial Truck or other Commercial Motor Vehicle Fire  
not specified in "C" above ----- \$ 500.00

- L. Train Fire -----\$1,000.00
- M. Fire Department First Responder - Emergency Rescue to any Motor Vehicle -----\$ 500.00  
(These are First Responder Services. If an ambulance is required, there will be a separate charge for the ambulance service.)
- N. Monitoring downed electrical lines, broken gas lines and unspecified public emergencies on behalf of public utilities - \$50 per hour with \$100 minimum.
- O. Other Services not Specifically Enumerated ----\$ 500.00

### Section 3: Billing

The foregoing charges shall be billed only to the appropriate insurance company by the township within thirty days of the run.

### 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: Exemptions

The following properties and services shall be exempt from the foregoing charges:

- A. False alarms.
- B. Fires by railroad trains which are the specific statutory responsibility of railroad companies.
- C. Fires involving township buildings, grounds and/or property.
- D. Fire service performed outside the jurisdiction of the township under a mutual aid agreement with an adjoining municipality.

### Section 6: Non-Exclusive Charge

The foregoing rates and charges shall not be exclusive of the charges that may be made by the township for the costs and expenses of maintaining a fire department, but shall only be supplemental thereto. Charges may additionally be collected by the township through general taxation after a vote of the electorate approving the same or by a special assessment established under the Michigan statutes pertinent thereto. General fund appropriations may also be made to cover such additional costs and expenses.

## Section 7: Multiple Property Protection

When a particular service rendered by the township fire department directly benefits more than one person or property, the appropriate insurance companies shall be billed according to the foregoing rates. Interpretation and application of the within section is hereby deligated to the township fire chief subject 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 8: Severability

Should any privision or part of the within ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not effect the validity or enforceablity of the balance of this ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.

## Section 9: Modification of Fees and Charges


Fees and charges referenced in Section 2 of this ordinance may be modified and amended from time to time by resolution of the Township Board.

## Section 10: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect thirty days after required publication. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted and passed by the Township Board of Littlefield Township, Emmet County, Michigan, on the second day of June, 1992 by unanimous roll call vote.

  
Avis I. Granger, Clerk

Date: June 2, 1992