

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2005

Offered by: All of Council

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A FEE SCHEDULE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES AT MOTOR VEHICLE SCENES

WHEREAS, Richfield Fire Department response to motor vehicle emergencies continues to increase each year and results in increased demands on all operational areas of the department's services and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Village's fire department has investigated various methods to maintain the level of quality of emergency services throughout times of constantly increasing service demands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Village of Richfield shall initiate a user fee for the delivery of fire department services, personnel, supplies and equipment to the scene of motor vehicle emergencies based on the cost incurred for the service, personnel, supplies and equipment provided, as follows:

"147.061 FEES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT AT MOTOR VEHICLE EMERGENCIES.

(a) The following tiered fees, per call, for the delivery of fire department services, personnel, supplies and equipment to the scene of motor vehicle emergencies, shall be charged to the responsible party's motor vehicle insurance carrier:

Tier #1	Scene Safety and Investigation	\$435.00
Tier #2	Extinguishment, Clean, up, Scene Safety & Investigation (plus materials used)	\$495.00
Tier #3	Vehicle Extrication, Extinguishment, Clean-up, Scene Safety & Investigation (plus materials used)	\$1,800.00
Tier #4	Landing Zone, Vehicle Extrication, Extinguishment, Clean-up, Scene Safety & Investigation (plus materials used)	\$2,100.00

(b) Any government agency calling for mutual aid assistance shall be exempt from these fees if such government agency does not charge similar fees for similar services. If the Richfield Fire Department responds to a mutual aid call for an agency charging for similar fees, the Village of Richfield shall endeavor to collect the fee charged by the requesting agency from that agency.

(c) The Finance Director is authorized to establish billing procedures to carry out the intent of this section and to bill the insurance company of the responsible party, or the responsible party directly if that party has no insurance.

(d) The funds collected pursuant to this section shall be utilized for ~~used exclusively for~~ apparatus, equipment, and facilities and operations for the fire department."

SECTION 2. The user fee will be billed to the responsible party's motor vehicle insurance carrier and represents an add-on-cost of the claim for damages to the vehicle(s), property and/or injuries.

SECTION 3. The Village Finance Director is authorized and directed to contract with a company specializing in the billing of fire department services for motor vehicle accidents, for collection of such user fees as a result of fire department services being provided.

SECTION 4. All amounts collected as a result of this amendment shall be placed into a public safety, equipment and facilities fund as established by the Finance Director to be used exclusively for apparatus, equipment and facilities for the fire department.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 6/7/05

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President of Council

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Mayor

Dated: 6/7/05

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council