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**JUNIATA TOWNSHIP
HUNTING CONUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JUNIATA, COUNTY OF HUNTINGDON, AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ENACTING THE "EMERGENCY SERVICES COST RECOVERY ORDINANCE".

SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND INTENT.

- A. Findings.** The Board of Supervisors of Juniata Township (the "Township") recognizes that the duties of the Smithfield Township Volunteer Fire Company ("Fire Department") require the use of specialized emergency rescue tools and equipment, emergency rescue materials, hazardous material abatement equipment, and hazardous abatement materials and fire suppression tools and equipment during its emergency responses. The Township also recognizes that the costs of the maintenance and replacement of this equipment, added to the replacement costs of damaged or expended materials, places an increasing financial burden on the Fire Department.
- B. Intent.** This Ordinance is intended to grant the Fire Department the authority to seek recovery of all reasonable costs of responding to such emergency incidents, as allowed by applicable law.

SECTION 2. RECOVERY OF COSTS.

- A.** The Smithfield Township Volunteer Fire Company is hereby authorized to recover reasonable costs for the use of emergency rescue tools, equipment and materials; hazardous material abatement tools and equipment, hazardous abatement materials, fire suppression tools and equipment; and personnel hours involving any hazardous material, environmental, fire safety, and/or rescue incident or operation, including vehicular accidents and fires.
- B.** An initial rate schedule of reasonable costs is hereby adopted for the aforementioned tools, equipment, materials and hourly rates for personnel. The rate schedule adopted herein may be updated by the Board of Supervisors from time to time by Resolution based on the recommendation of the Fire Department, and shall only be applied to the recovery of costs arising out of incidents that occurred subsequent to the setting of the rate schedule. A copy of the current rate schedule shall be on file for review at the Township Office.
- C.** The Initial Rate Schedule shall be as set forth in the attached Exhibit A.

- D. The reasonable costs outlined above may be recovered from any identified insurance carrier or person or persons, directly by the Fire Department or by the Township on behalf of the Fire Department, or by an attorney, or through a third - party billing service acting as a contracted authorized agent for the collection of such costs. In addition to the reasonable costs as set forth in the above-mentioned rate schedule, the Fire Department or the Township, attorney, or the third -party billing service shall hereby be authorized to collect, in addition to the reasonable costs, reasonable interest, legal, administrative and any other collection fees associated with collecting the said costs and fees.
- E. In the event , In the event that any insurance carrier or person or persons should fail to pay any bill or invoice within 30 days of the mailing or delivery of such notice of charges, the Fire Department or the Township, attorney or the third - party billing agency who mailed or delivered the bill or invoice may enforce the provisions of this Ordinance by turning over to a third -party collection agency or, if deemed appropriate, may be enforced by filing a civil action at law in a court of competent jurisdiction for the collection of any amounts due to the Fire Department or by the Township on behalf of the Fire Department, together with statutory interest, court costs, collection fees and associated reasonable attorneys' fees.

SECTION 3. REQUIREMENTS TO PAY FOR REASONABLE COSTS.

- A. The Township authorizes the Fire Department to utilize such tools, equipment or materials and provide the fire fighting, ambulance or other emergency rescue services as authorized by law or the Township, for purposes of saving lives and property within the Township or any other area in which the Fire Department is authorized by the Township to provide same.
- B. The Fire Department is authorized to effect the recovery of the costs of its respective services, tools, equipment and/or materials from any person for whom or for whose property such services were rendered or such tools, equipment or material were used and from any insurance carrier or person providing insurance covering such persons or property.
- C. The Fire Department may charge and invoice (a) any insurance carrier or other person providing insurance covering any person, vehicle, structure, business (profit or nonprofit) or other property, or (b) any person for whom or for whose property the Fire Department performed services or utilized tools, equipment or materials, for the costs of such services rendered unto or tools, equipment or materials used for such persons or their property.

- D. Any insurance carrier or person shall be liable for the reimbursement of reasonable costs incurred by the Township, as outlined in this Ordinance, unless that person has paid to the Township a tax which funds, at least in part, the services which the Fire Department provides. Individuals who intentionally set fires and motor vehicle accidents in which the fault drivers are found to be driving under the influence will not be omitted by the above exception. In the event that any insurance carrier or person fails to pay any invoice within thirty (30) days of the mailing or delivery of such invoice or notice of charges, the Fire Department may recover and collect such charges and invoices from the insurance carrier or person to whom such invoice or notice of charges was given, together with interest, costs and attorney's fees, in any manner provided by law, including, without limitation, a civil action at law.
- E. The Fire Department or the Township shall not be obligated to pursue collection efforts against any insurance company or person in the event that the Fire Department or the Township reasonably determines that collection efforts will not be successful or that the costs of collections will exceed the amount due hereunder. The remedies provided herein for the enforcement of this Ordinance and all other remedies provided by law shall not be deemed mutually exclusive, rather, they may be employed simultaneously or consecutively, at the option of the Township or the Fire Department.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY SERVICES NOT TO BE REFUSED.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall authorize the Fire Department or any staff member or Fire Department personnel to refuse or delay any rescue service to any person, firm, organization or corporation, due to the lack of insurance coverage or ability to pay for said rescue services.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any part of this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions shall be unaffected thereby. It is the intention of the Board of Supervisors of the Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid part not been included.

SECTION 6. REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed. All ordinances not specifically amended hereby remain in full force and effect. Where this Ordinance, or any part of this Ordinance conflicts with an existing, or part of an existing ordinance, the instant Ordinance shall control.

This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after its adoption.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Juniata Township, Huntingdon County, PA at a publicly advertised meeting on this 2nd day of August, 2025.

JUNIATA TOWNSHIP
HUNTINGDON COUNTY, PA

By Carl F. Shouse, Jr.
Chairman

By Hyun J. Shin
Supervisor

By Sean Parks
Supervisor

ATTEST:

Lorinda A. McDermott
Township Secretary

New prices are effective 01/10/2024

PAFRS COMPLETE BILLING SCHEDULE

APPARATUS:

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s	Aerial/Ladder Response	\$ 400.00	\$500.00
1	Engine Response	\$ 350.00	\$450.00
11	Rescue Response	\$ 300.00	\$400.00
H	Tanker Response	\$ 300.00	\$400.00
.	Utility Response	\$ 150.00	\$200.00
J	Battalion/Chief Vehicle Response	\$ 150.00	\$200.00
1	Marine Unit Response	\$ 150.00	\$200.00

EXPENDABLES/EQUIPMENT:

Oil Absorbent Material	\$35.00/Per Unit	
Oil Absorbent Sheet	\$2.50/Per Sheet	\$5.00
Oil Absorbent Boom	\$20.00/Per Unit	\$25.00
Flare	\$8.00/Per Unit	
Foam	\$65.00/Per Gallon	\$75.00
Wetting Agent	\$25.00/Per Gallon	
Fire Line Tape	\$0.25/Per Foot	\$0.50
Extinguisher	\$50.00/Per Unit	\$65.00
Deodorizer	\$25.00/Per Unit	\$50.00
Salvage Cover	\$35.00/Per Unit	\$50.00
Rescue Rope	\$0.99/Per Foot	\$2.00
Work Rope	\$0.49/Per Foot	\$1.00
Chimney Bomb	\$25.00/Per Unit	\$50.00
Garbage Bag	\$2.50/Per Unit	
Turbo Flare	\$5.00/Per Unit	\$10.00
Plug Kit	\$25.00/Per Unit	\$35.00
Chemical Gloves	\$20.00/Per Pair	
Emulsifier	\$50.00/Per Gallon	
HazMat Pillow	\$20.00/Per Unit	\$40.00
Salt/Sand	\$15.00/Per Bucket	
Putty	\$10.00/Per Unit	
PRO-Pack Foam System	\$50.00/Per Unit	\$650.00
POK Foam Stick	\$25.00/Per Unit	\$250.00
Chemical Suit	\$35.00/Per Unit	
Digital Camera	\$25.00/Per Unit	

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Salvage Bucket	\$5.00/Per Unit	
Hand Tool	\$15.00/Per Tool	
Hand Light	\$5.00/Per Light	
SCBA	\$50.00/Per Unit	
SCBA Cylinder	\$25.00/Per Unit	\$75.00
Hose (Per 50' Sections)	\$25.00/Per Section	\$35.00
Gas/CO Detector	\$50.00/Per Unit	\$50.00
Heat Gun	\$50.00/Per Unit	\$75.00
Hot Stick	\$50.00/Per Unit	\$75.00
Power Tool	\$50.00/Per Unit	\$100.00
Hydraulic Tool	\$200.00/Per Tool	\$250.00
PPV/Ventilation Fan	\$50.00/Per Unit	\$100.00
Portable Pump	\$50.00/Per Unit	\$75.00
TIC/Thermal Imaging Camera	\$100.00/Per Unit	\$200.00
Cribbing (Passenger Vehicle)	\$100.00/Flat Rate	
Cribbing (Class B Vehicle)	\$200.00/Flat Rate	
Cribbing (Class A Truck)	\$500.00/Flat Rate	
Rescue Struts	\$50.00/Per Unit	\$75.00
Ladder	\$35.00/Per Unit	\$50.00
Generator	\$50.00/Per Unit/Per Ho1	\$75.00
Portable Pond	\$150.00/Per Unit	\$250.00
Blitz Fire	\$50.00/Per Unit	\$75.00
Turn Out Gear/PPE	\$250.00/Per Firefighter	
Portable Radio	\$10.00/Per Unit	
Traffic Cone	\$5.00/Per Unit	
Safety Vest	\$2.50/Per Unit	
Windshield Kit	\$25.00/Per Unit	
GlassMaster	\$25.00/Per Unit	
Stokes Basket	\$25.00/Per Unit	\$50.00
Air Bags	\$150.00/Per Unit	\$250.00
Air Tools	\$50.00/Per Unit	\$75.00
HazMat Suit	\$125.00/Per Unit	\$200.00
HazMat Pond	\$50.00/Per Unit	\$150.00
Chimney Kit	\$50.00/Per Unit	\$75.00
E-Flare	\$5.00/Per Unit	
Crash Kit	\$50.00/Per Unit	
Air Bag Safety Cover	\$25.00/Per Use	
Heavy Duty HazMat Gloves	\$25.00/Per Pair	\$50.00
Chemical Resistant Drain Cover	\$100.00/Per Unit	
Acid Absorbent Sock	\$141.00/Per Unit	\$175.00
Acid Absorbent Pad	\$61.00/Per Unit	\$100.00
Soda Ash	\$35.00/Per Unit	
Bleach	\$5.00/Per Unit	
Turnout Gear Cleaner	\$65.00/Per Gallon	\$75.00
Rehab Tent	\$50.00/Per Unit	\$100.00
Framing Nail	\$3.00/Per Unit	

Lumber	\$8.00/Per Unit	
Diamond Tip Saw Blade	\$244.95/Per Unit	\$300.00
Winch	\$50.00/Per Unit	
Lock Out Kit	\$60.00/Per Unit	
Food/Drinks for Standby	\$25.00/Flat Rate	\$50.00

GENERAL SERVICES:

Environmental Hazard Cleanup	\$250.00/Flat Rate	\$350.00
Traffic Control Services	\$100.00/Per Hour	\$200.00
Scene Lighting	\$75.00/Per Hour	\$100.00
Manpower (Career FF's ONLY)	\$50.00/Per Firefighter/Per Hour	
Automatic Fire Alarm Response	\$300.00/Flat Rate	
Spill Containment	\$150.00/Flat Rate	
Fire Safety Inspection	\$110.00/Per Inspection	
K-9 Arson Investigation	\$200.00/Per Investigatic	\$300.00
Body Removal	\$250.00/Per Body	
Tech/Heavy Rescue	\$750.00/Flat Rate	\$1,000.00
lift Assist	\$75.00/Per Assist	\$100.00
Lift Assist w/ Special Equipment	\$150.00/Per Assist	\$200.00
High Angle Rescue	\$300.00/Per Assist	\$500.00

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT:

Latex Gloves	\$2.00/Per Pair	
Trauma Kit	\$25.00/Per Unit	\$50.00
Oxygen	\$25.00/Per Unit	\$50.00
Cervical Collar	\$25.00/Per Unit	\$30.00
Patient Blanket	\$25.00/Per Unit	
Body Bag	\$50.00/Per Unit	
N95 Mask	\$10.00/Per Unit	
Narcan Injection	\$50.00/Per Unit	\$150.00
Backboard	\$25.00/Per Unit	
AED	\$50.00/Per Unit	\$150.00
Medical Extrication - Lvl 1	\$500.00/Flat Rate	
Medical Extrication - Lvl 2	\$1,500.00/Flat Rate	
Air Medical Landing Zone	\$250.00/Per Zone	\$500.00
Basic EMS Assistance	\$250.00/Flat Rate	\$350.00

MARINE EQUIPMENT:

Dry Suit	\$100.00/Per Suit	
Wet Suit	\$100.00/Per Suit	
SCUBA Tank	\$125.00/Per Unit	
Life Vest	\$25.00/Per Unit	