

Hoodland Fire District #74

Ordinance No. 2020-01

An Ordinance for Out-of-District Billing and Cost Recovery and In-District Cost Recovery for Transportation Corridor Billing and Non-Taxed Properties that Lie Within District Jurisdictional Boundaries

WHEREAS, ORS 478.310(1) authorizes fire districts to recover costs for fire or public safety incidents occurring outside the limits of the District from those persons not residing within the District boundaries or paying taxes to the District; and

WHEREAS, ORS 487.310(2) authorizes fire districts to recover costs arising from the incident involving an airplane crash or an occurrence on a transportation route within the District or non-taxed public locations, from those persons not residing within the District boundaries or paying taxes to the District; and

WHEREAS, emergency incidents occur outside District boundaries or on transportation routes within the boundaries of the Hoodland Fire District #74 which involve persons who are not taxpaying patrons, and who are not residents of the District who indirectly pay taxes to the District; and

WHEREAS, such incidents require equipment and personnel for medical, fire and life safety or environmental safety response; and

WHEREAS the Fire District Board of Directors have reviewed the costs scheduled by the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office and have determined those costs to be fair and reasonable to fairly represent the costs to the incurred-on behalf of the District; and

WHEREAS, the cost of maintaining equipment and personnel to be available for immediate response have been reviewed, and the Fire District Board of Directors have determined that the costs reflected herein, reflect actual costs on behalf of the District, for the provisions of the services provided; and

WHEREAS the Fire District Board of Directors has adopted a policy addressing the Cost Recovery for Response to Fire or other Public Safety Incidents;

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Hoodland Fire District Board of Directors does hereby adopt the following rate charges for all responses whether outside of the District boundaries, within the District boundaries to airplane crashes or to public safety incidents on transportation routes, including any roadway, waterway, railroad right-of-way or public non-taxed location such as parks and recreation areas in which no taxes or assessments are levied by the District, which involve persons who are not residents of the District or who do not own property within the boundaries of the District.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Hoodland Fire District Board of Directors that the following procedure shall be used for billing:

1. The Incident Commander or Fire Chief shall make a determination that the response is either out-of-district or on a transportation route, or involves an aircraft accident or the incident has occurred in district on a transportation route, railroad right-of-way or public non-taxed recreation area AND the person or persons receiving service do not reside in or pay taxes to the District.
2. The Incident Commander or Fire Chief shall obtain the name, address, telephone number, and pertinent billing information for those receiving service.
3. The District will make every effort to send all bills within thirty (30) days of providing service. If arrangements for payment are not made within a sixty (60) day period, a fifteen (15) day overdue notice will be sent to the responsible party. After that time, with no response, the account will be considered delinquent and may be forwarded to a collections agency.

Adopted by a vote of the Hoodland Fire District #74 Board of Directors on November 10, 2020

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Mary Ellen Fitzgerald, Secretary/Treasurer

Certification of Copy

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance is true and correct copy of the original ordinance on file with Hoodland Fire District #74.

Shirley Dueber, Chairperson