



Legislation Text

File #: 19-051, **Version:** 2

ACTION REQUESTED:

Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Establishing and Implementing a Program to CHARGE MITIGATION RATES to NON-RESIDENTS for the Deployment of Emergency and Non-Emergency Services by the Fire Department for Services Rendered by the Peoria Fire Department.

BACKGROUND: The Fire Department has investigated different methods to maintain a high level of quality of emergency and non-emergency service capability. An RFP was issued to bill for mitigation services provided at emergency incidents. It is anticipated that the Department can generate \$200,000 annually through such billings. It is the desire of the Peoria Fire Department to bill any non-resident involved in the listed incidents to follow. Any non-resident of the City of Peoria involved in one of the below listed emergencies will be responsible for 100% of the bill that is issued.

The attached ordinance establishes a fair and equitable procedure by which to collect said mitigation rates and shall establish a billing system in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and guidelines.

The mitigation rates are below:

MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENTS

Level 1 - \$494.00

Provide hazardous materials assessment and scene stabilization. This will be the most common "billing level". This occurs almost every time the fire department responds to an accident/incident.

Level 2 - \$562.00

Includes Level 1 services as well as clean up and material used (sorbents) for hazardous fluid clean up and disposal. We will bill at this level if the fire department has to clean up any gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident/incident.

Level 3 - Vehicle FIRE - \$687.00

Provide scene safety, fire suppression, breathing air, rescue tools, hand tools, hose, tip use, foam, structure protection, and clean up gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident/incident.

ADD-ON SERVICES:

Extrication - \$1,483.00

Includes heavy rescue tools, ropes, airbags, cribbing etc. This charge will be added if the fire department has to free/remove anyone from the vehicle(s) using any equipment. We will not bill at this level if the patient is simply unconscious and fire department is able to open the door to access the patient. This level is to be billed only if equipment is deployed.

Creating a Landing Zone - \$454.00

Includes Air Care (multi-engine company response, mutual aid, helicopter). We will bill at this level any time a helicopter landing zone is created and/or is utilized to transport the patient(s).

Itemized Response: The City shall bill each incident as an independent event with custom mitigation rates,

for each incident using, itemized rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized per apparatus, per personnel, plus products and equipment used.

ADDITIONAL TIME ON-SCENE

Engine billed at \$455 per hour.

Truck billed at \$568 per hour.

Miscellaneous equipment billed at \$341.

WATER INCIDENTS

Level 1

Basic Response: Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, first responder set-up and command, scene safety and investigation (including possible patient contact, hazard control). This will be the most common “billing level”. This occurs almost every time the fire department responds to a water incident.

Billed at \$455 plus \$57 per hour, per rescue person.

Level 2

Intermediate Response: Includes Level 1 services as well as clean up and material used (sorbents), minor hazardous clean up and disposal. We will bill at this level if the fire department has to clean up small amounts of gasoline or other fluids that are spilled as a result of the incident.

Billed at \$909 plus \$57 per hour, per rescue person.

Level 3

Advanced Response: Includes Level 1 and Level 2 services as well as Disaster Assistance Response Team activation, donning breathing apparatus and detection equipment. Set up and removal of decon center, detection equipment, recovery and identification of material. Disposal and environment clean up. Includes above in addition to any disposal rates of material and contaminated equipment and material used at scene.

Billed at \$2,274 plus \$57 per hour per rescue person, plus \$114 per hour per HAZMAT team member.

Level 4

Itemized Response: You have the option to bill each incident as an independent event with custom mitigation rates for each incident using itemized rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized, per trained rescue person, plus rescue products used.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: It is estimated that this billing ordinance will generate approximately \$200,000 annually.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS: N/A

IMPACT IF APPROVED: The Ordinance would go into effect.

IMPACT IF DENIED: The Ordinance would not go into effect.

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

EEO CERTIFICATION NUMBER: N/A

WHICH OF THE GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE COUNCIL’S 2017 - 2032 STRATEGIC PLAN DOES THIS

RECOMMENDATION ADVANCE?

1. Safe Peoria
2. Financially Sound City

WHICH CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR(S) FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENT?

1. Have an efficient government.

DEPARTMENT: Fire