

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 200.030 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PARK HILLS, MISSOURI REGARDING RATES FOR CALLS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, FIRE TAG FEES AND BILLING

WHEREAS the City Council of Park Hills, Missouri desires to amend its code sections to update rates and procedures for calls to the Fire Department, fire tag fees and billing.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PARK HILLS CITY COUNCIL, PARK HILLS, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Section 200.030: "Rates for Calls to the Fire Department" is hereby replaced in its entirety with a new Section 200.030 titled "Rates for Calls to the Fire Department; Fire Tag Fees; Billing" as shown on EXHIBIT A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by his reference, including all subsections thereto.

Section 2: Codification. It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Park Hills, St. Francois County, Missouri, and it is hereby provided, that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Park Hills, Missouri; that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention; and the words "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article" or other appropriate designation.

Section 3. Severability. The portions of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Ordinance are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Ordinance are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the City Council would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

DULY READ TWO TIMES AND PASSED THIS 28 DAY OF April, 2026.

Stacey Easter
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Brandy Mullen
City Clerk



BILL NO. 1739

ORDINANCE NO. 1082-24

APPROVED THIS 28 DAY OF April, 2026.

Stacey Easter
Mayor

ATTEST:

Brandy Mullen
City Clerk



Section 200.030: Rates for Calls to the Fire Department; Fire Tag Fees; Billing

1. Rates for Calls to the Fire Department

A. Motor Vehicle Fires

- a) The Fire Department's rate for responding to motor vehicle fires shall be a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) response fee and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per hour, billed in quarter-hour increments, plus the cost of any consumable materials used (e.g., foam, oil dry, etc.).
- b) However, if the owner is a resident of the City of Park Hills or a rural fire tag holder of the Park Hills Fire Department, no charges shall be assessed.

B. Motor Vehicle Accidents

- a) The Fire Department's rate for responding to motor vehicle accidents shall be a one-hundred-dollar (\$100.00) response fee and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per hour, billed in quarter-hour increments, plus the cost of any consumable materials used (e.g., foam, oil dry, etc.).
- b) However, if the owner is a resident of the City of Park Hills or a rural fire tag holder of the Park Hills Fire Department, no charges shall be assessed.

C. Hazardous Material Spills or Releases (Non-Reportable)

- a) The Fire Department's rate for responding to non-reportable hazardous material incidents, as defined by U.S. Department of Transportation regulations (49 CFR) or the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), shall be a one-hundred-dollar (\$100.00) response fee and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per hour, billed in quarter-hour increments, plus the cost of any consumable materials used.

D. Hazardous Material Spills or Releases (Reportable)

- a) For reportable hazardous material incidents, a detailed and itemized bill shall be prepared in accordance with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Hazardous Substances Emergency Response Cost Recovery guidelines.
- b) Consistent with Missouri state law (Section 260.546 RSMo), in the event of a hazardous substance release requiring emergency services from a political subdivision or volunteer fire protection association (as defined in Section 320.300, RSMo), the person having control over the hazardous substance shall be liable for reasonable cleanup costs incurred.
- c) Such liability includes the cost of materials, supplies, and contractual services used to secure the emergency situation, but shall not include the cost of normal services that would otherwise have been provided. Reference is made to Missouri Revised Statutes Sections 260.500 through 260.550, RSMo.

E. False Alarms

- a) The Fire Department's rate for responding to false alarms shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per incident. This includes fire, medical, and other automatic alarm responses.
- b) Charges shall apply beginning with the fifth (5th) false alarm within a rolling calendar year.

F. Illegal Fires

- a) The Fire Department's rate for responding to illegal fires shall be a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) response fee and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per hour, billed in quarter-

hour increments, plus the cost of any consumable materials used (e.g., foam, oil dry, etc.).

- b) Illegal fires are defined as any burning conducted in violation of city, county, state, or federal law or ordinance, or any fire intentionally started during unsafe conditions.
- c) The Park Hills Fire Department shall recognize unsafe burning conditions as defined by National Weather Service (NWS) Red Flag Warnings and shall comply with any state, county, or city-issued burn bans.

G. Structure Fires

- a) The Fire Department's rate for responding to structure fires shall be a one-hundred-dollar (\$100.00) response fee and five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) per hour, billed in quarter-hour increments, plus the cost of any consumable materials used.
- b) However, if the owner is a resident of the City of Park Hills or a rural fire tag holder of the Park Hills Fire Department, no charges shall be assessed.

H. General Provisions

- a) Funds recovered under this ordinance shall be used first to replace equipment and consumable materials used in response, cleanup, and containment, and second to improve safety equipment used in Fire Department operations.

2. Fire Tags, Billing

The City shall charge Fire Tag fees in the amounts and in accordance with the procedure outlined herein.

B. Residential Properties (\$75.00)

- a) A residential property is defined as a parcel of less than ten (10) acres containing one single-family dwelling, including single-family rental dwellings.
- b) If more than one single-family dwelling or rental dwelling exists on the same property, a fire tag is required for each dwelling at a rate of \$75.00 per dwelling.
- c) The fire tag also covers outbuildings such as sheds or barns under 5,000 square feet that are not used for business purposes. Structures over 5,000 square feet will be charged \$50.00 per each additional 5,000 square feet.

C. Multi-Family Properties (\$150.00)

- a) A multi-family property is defined as a structure designed to contain multiple dwelling units within an attached building and shall be considered commercial.
- b) Each multi-family dwelling structure on the same property requires a fire tag at a rate of \$150.00 per structure.
- c) Properties containing multiple single-family dwellings (such as trailers, cabins, or similar structures) require a fire tag for each dwelling at a rate of \$75.00 per dwelling.
- d) Fire tags also cover outbuildings such as sheds or barns under 5,000 square feet that are part of the primary business. Structures over 5,000 square feet will be charged \$50.00 per each additional 5,000 square feet.
- e) This fire tag also covers vacant pads where no structure currently occupies the space.

D. Commercial Properties (\$150.00)

- a) A commercial property is defined as any property requiring a business or merchant's

license to operate.

- b) If more than one commercial operation exists on the same property, each operation requiring a license must obtain a separate fire tag at a rate of \$150.00 per operation.
- c) The fire tag also covers outbuildings such as sheds or barns under 5,000 square feet that are part of the primary business. Structures over 5,000 square feet will be charged \$50.00 per each additional 5,000 square feet.

E. Farming Properties (\$175.00)

- a) A farming property is defined as a parcel of ten (10) acres or more containing one single-family dwelling, or ten (10) acres or more of unoccupied land used for agricultural purposes such as cropland or animal feedlots.
- b) If more than one dwelling exists on the same farm property, a fire tag is required for each dwelling at a rate of \$75.00 if used for residential purposes, or \$150.00 if used for business purposes.
- c) The fire tag also covers outbuildings such as sheds or barns used for the storage of crops, animals, or equipment under 5,000 square feet. Structures over 5,000 square feet will be charged \$50.00 per each additional 5,000 square feet.

F. Additional Recreational or Vacant Property

- a) Properties without a dwelling will be charged \$75.00 per ten (10) acres.

G. Industrial, Manufacturing, and Other Properties Not Listed

- a) Rates will be established by the Fire Chief. Rate will be based on hazard class and building square footage.

H. Late Fee

- a) A late fee of \$10.00 per month, up to a maximum of \$50.00, will be applied after July 1 of the billing year.

I. Subscription or Membership Fees for Non-Subscribers or Non-Residents

- a) In addition to the fees provided elsewhere in the Code, for responses to emergencies involving non-subscribers or non-residents within the boundaries of the volunteer fire protection association, the Fire Department shall charge an additional amount equal to one year's subscription or membership fees.
- b) No property owner or individual shall be liable for fees or charges under this subsection if said property owner or individual notifies the volunteer fire protection association in writing, prior to the occurrence of an emergency, not to respond to an emergency on or involving his property.

J. Billing for Hazardous Emergency Response

- a) For hazardous emergency responses involving residents, non-residents, or fire tag holders, billing shall follow Missouri Revised Statutes, Sections 260.500 to 260.550, RSMo.
- b) A detailed, itemized bill will be prepared in accordance with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Hazardous Substances Emergency Response Cost Recovery guidelines