

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-123

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE FOR FIRE, RESCUE AND COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION FEES; PROVIDING CITY MANAGER AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 9, “Fire Rescue and Community Risk Reduction Services,” Article V, “Fire Rescue Department Fees,” Section 9-51, “Fire, rescue and community risk reduction fees,” provides that fire inspection fees, fire system user fees, fire safety public education fees, and such other related user fees as are necessary to provide essential fire prevention and suppression services, as well as emergency medical services transport fees may be established and amended by resolution of the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City has removed the fire inspection and fire safety public education fees from the Code of Ordinances and desires to reestablish those fees by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City is in the process of establishing the Coconut Creek Fire Rescue Department, which will provide for both fire and emergency medical services and related emergency medical services transport; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt emergency medical services transport fees to cover the cost of services provided; and

WHEREAS, the City finds this resolution is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents, visitors, and property owners of the City of Coconut Creek.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA:

Section 1: Recitals. That the foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby

ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this resolution.

Section 2: Fees. Pursuant to Chapter 9, "Fire Rescue and Community Risk Reduction Services," Article V, "Fire Rescue Department Fees," Section 9-51, "Fire, rescue and community risk reduction fees," the schedule of fees for fire and rescue services is hereby adopted as follows:

(1) Fire Services Fees

- (a) *Fire inspection of residential buildings having two (2) or more adjoining units:*
 - (1) One dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per residential dwelling unit;
 - (2) Thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for each fire alarm system, fire suppression system, fire pump, and for chemical storage or use exceeding fifty (50) gallons capacity;
 - (3) Minimum total fee of forty-five dollars (\$45.00) and a maximum total fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per detached building per year.
- (b) *Fire inspection of commercial buildings:*
 - (1) One dollars and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per one thousand (1,000) square feet;
 - (2) Thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for each fire alarm system, fire suppression system, fire pump, and for chemical storage or use exceeding fifty (50) gallons capacity;
 - (3) Minimum total fee of forty-five dollars (\$45.00) and a maximum total fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per detached building per year.
- (c) *Re-inspection fee:*
 - (1) Seventy-five (75) percent of the original annual fire inspection fee for each re-inspection needed to achieve compliance.
- (d) *Plan review and construction inspection fee:*
 - (1) Five cents (\$0.05) per square foot for all plans reviewed by the fire department.
- (e) *Construction re-inspection fee:*
 - (1) Fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be charged for each construction re-inspection.
- (f) *Stand-alone fire alarm and/or fire sprinkler system plan reviews and testing:*
 - (1) Two cents (\$0.02) per square foot;
 - (2) Maximum charge is four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per system.
 - (3) One hundred dollars (\$100.00) for single location non-water fire suppression systems.
- (g) *Fire plan review and construction inspections for propane tanks, generators, pool heaters, and other miscellaneous single stand-alone permits excluding fire system user permits:*

- (1) Fifty-dollars (\$50.00).
- (h) *Fire inspector or fire plans examiner fee to attend pre-construction meetings at the request of the owner or developer:*
 - (1) Thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per hour.
- (i) *Open burning permit fees:*
 - (1) One hundred dollars (\$100.00) per acre of area to be cleared by burning; and
 - (2) Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per day of open burning.

Per acre to be cleared shall mean the acreage of property that will actually be cleared, not the total acreage of the subject parcel.
- (j) *Fire system user fees.* The building owners and/or occupants shall pay a fire system user permit fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per building per year at the time of annual fire inspection. In addition, the building owners and /or occupants shall pay a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) "fire system failure response fee" each time a fire emergency response is required, and the fire system is found to be in the "trouble mode" and/or not operational. The fire system user permit fee shall be waived provided that the system certification is current pursuant to the current edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, and that a twenty-four-hour emergency service contract with a licensed fire system contractor is maintained, and provided that all emergency call-out personnel names and phone numbers are kept current, and further that emergency call-out personnel arrive at the building within thirty (30) minutes each and every time requested by the fire department during the prior twelve (12) calendar months.
- (k) *Fire safety public education.* Residents and employees of businesses located within the City of Coconut Creek shall be permitted to attend fire safety public education classes at no charge. Non-resident adults (eighteen (18) years and older) shall pay a fire safety public education fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per person, per class. Non-resident students (seventeen (17) years of age and younger) shall pay a fire safety public education fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per person, per class, with valid student identification card or other acceptable documentation.

(2) Emergency Medical Services Transportation

- (a) *Insurance.* All consumers of emergency medical services transportation, or the responsible party, will be required when possible, to provide information regarding available insurance coverage as part of the patient intake process administered by the City of Coconut Creek for emergency medical services transport and the City shall file for insurance reimbursement for all charges for all services provided.
- (b) *Emergency transport rates.* The charge for emergency medical services transport providing Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Life Support (ALS 1

and ALS 2) shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000) plus \$15.00 per mile transported.

- (c) *Resident collection.* There will be no charge to residents for emergency medical services transport – only insurance reimbursement. If resident is uninsured or underinsured, there will be no charge.
- (d) *Non-resident and third party collection.* Non-resident and third parties to residents (i.e. Attorney claims, settlements) will be responsible for the full fee associated with emergency medical services transport provided.

Section 3: Authority. That the City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to perform such duties as necessary to impose and enforce the fees imposed in this resolution and to take such steps as necessary to complete necessary insurance billing and accounting, subject to applicable purchasing requirements.

Section 4: Conflicts. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5: Severability. That if any clause, section, other part or application of this resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or in application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or applications of this resolution.

Section 6: Effective Date. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 24th day of June, 2021.

Rebecca A. Tooley, Mayor

Attest:

Leslie Wallace May, City Clerk

Tooley	<u>Aye</u>
Rydell	<u>Aye</u>
Sarbone	<u>Aye</u>
Welch	<u>Aye</u>
Railey	<u>Aye</u>