



PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Title: Recovery of Expenses for Fire Fighting

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PURPOSE

To establish set fees to recover expenses incurred by protective services when responding to emergencies.

DEFINITIONS

- Pumper:** Fire apparatus which contains water for the extinguishment of fires.
- Rescue:** Fire apparatus utilized at motor vehicle collisions and other incidents which carries rescue and various equipment.
- Rapid Attack:** Fire apparatus which contains water and foam used for rapid response during fire incidents.
- Tender/Tanker:** Fire apparatus used to transport high volumes of water to emergency scenes
- Command Unit:** Motor vehicle utilized by command staff at a fire/emergency scene.
- Fire Investigation:** Process used to determine the cause and origin of a fire.
- Fire Inspection:** Process used to examine any publicly occupied building, business, or assembly area. Requirements set forth by the Alberta Fire Code and the Alberta Building Code.
- False Alarm:** An emergency call which is accidentally or maliciously activated that does not require emergency services.
- Mutual Aid:** A request from a neighboring municipality that the County of Minburn has a mutual aid agreement with for the deployment of emergency resources to assist in an emergency.

POLICY

1. Where the County of Minburn has taken any action responding to an incident the fire protection charge shall be in accordance with fees contained in the Master Rates Bylaw.

2. Payment for fire and or other services provided by the County of Minburn shall be due within 30 days after issuance.
3. Accounts will be considered delinquent after 60 days of non-payment of any funds onto the outstanding balance.
4. Delinquent accounts will be applied to the tax roll or through a collection processing organization.
5. Payment plans may be established at the discretion of the Director of Protective Services, following a signed agreement between the County and the person owing.
6. Individuals who have been invoiced for fire protection charges and wish to appeal the charges may appeal the charge to Council.
7. Appeals must be made in writing to the administration office within 30 days of issuance of the invoice.

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Chief Administrative Officer