

CHAPTER 1630
Emergency Fire Department Services

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1630.01 PURPOSE.

This chapter is adopted for the purpose of authorizing the collection of fees for emergency fire services, emergency services and inhalator services that are or might in the future be provided by the Fire Department. It is anticipated that these services will encompass the provision of first responding emergency medical services as well as providing other types of routine Fire Department services. (Ord. 2002-04. Passed 7-8-02.)

1630.02 CHARGES.

The collection of fees for services provided by the Fire Department is hereby authorized. The amount of the fees to be charged and collected for services provided by the Fire Department shall be as established annually by resolution of the City Council upon recommendation of the Fire Board. (Ord. 2002-04. Passed 7-8-02.)

1630.03 BILLING, PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF FEES.

All charges and fees established pursuant to this chapter shall be billed directly to the recipient of the services and shall be due and payable within sixty days from the date of the bill. The recipient of services may file an appeal with the City Council in the event of undue hardship or a billing error. Any such appeal shall be in writing and shall be filed with the City Clerk not later than sixty days from the date of the bill. In the event that payment is not received within the time period herein established, the payment of said fees shall be enforced through proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction and the City shall have any and all other remedies provided by law for the collection of those fees. (Ord. 2002-04. Passed 7-8-02.)

1630.04 NON-EXCLUSIVE FEES.

The fees authorized for collection herein shall not be exclusive of charges that may be made by the City for the cost and expenses of maintaining the Fire Department but shall be supplemental thereto. Additionally, charges may be collected by the City through general taxation after the vote

of the electorate approving the same or by special assessment as otherwise authorized by Michigan Statutes. General fund appropriations may also be made to cover any additional costs and expenses of maintaining and operating the Fire Department.

(Ord. 2002-04. Passed 7-8-02.)

1630.05 EXEMPTIONS.

The following entities/properties are exempt from this chapter:

- (a) City of Litchfield;
- (b) Those which are exempted by statute; and
- (c) Those entities which are exempted by contract or mutual aid agreement.

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