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Policy Subject/Title: FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES & FEES

Signature of Approval by Authorized Personnel:

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Date of Last Update Title & No. of Previous Policy if Applicable

POLICY STATEMENT:

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the establishment of fire protection charges and fees for services provided by the Wainwright Fire Department.

PROCEDURES:

FIRE PROTECTION/ COLLISION RESPONSE CHARGES

Manpower per current remuneration rates

Equipment per current Province of Alberta rates – See

attached Table 1

In addition to the hourly rates for Department owned equipment any other disbursements or expenses incurred by the Town in the provision of fire protection or rescue services, including but not limited to:

- the hiring of independent contractors to provide services and/or equipment;
- the charges incurred by the Town through Mutual Aid Agreements with other municipal jurisdictions;
- the charges incurred by the Town through Mutual Aid Agreements with the Department of National Defense; and

FALSE ALARMS

First and second incident No charge (letter issued)

Third and any subsequent incidents Shall be considered billable if it/they occur(s) within one year of the last/previous incident occurring. To re-set the count one year without an incident is required. \$300.00 per call

To a person that has willfully caused or activated an alarm to which the Department has responded or has been made aware of. \$300.00 per call

The Fire Chief or his/her designate shall be responsible for determining what constitutes a false alarm.

VEHICLE FIRE, MVA AND FUEL SPILL CALL-OUTS

When the Department has been called-out/dispatched by 911 to respond to a motor vehicle fire, accident or a fuel spill the Fire Chief or designate shall be responsible for completing the Vehicle Fire & MVC Report and forwarding it to the Town Office Accounts Receivable for invoicing.

The owner(s) or the insurance company of the owner(s) of a motor vehicle will be invoiced based on the established FIRE PROTECTION/COLLISION RESPONSE CHARGES established above, based on the services provided by the Department.

In the case of a multi-vehicle accident or fire all vehicle owners, or their insurance providers, will be charged the appropriate fee.

The Fire Chief or his/her designate shall be responsible for determining what is considered a billable incident, and the appropriate charges for apparatus and manpower hours.

Response rates will be reviewed and updated if/when changes to Provincial rate schedules are announced.