

COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Possible Fee Schedule for Emergency Fire and Police Services within the Town of Payson

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2010

PAYSON GOAL: NEW: EXISTING:

ITEM NO.:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

SUBMITTED BY: Legal Department 

AMOUNT BUDGETED: None

SUBMITTAL TO AGENDA

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: None

APPROVED BY TOWN MANAGER

CONT. FUNDING REQUIRED: None



EXHIBITS (If Applicable, To Be Attached):

POSSIBLE MOTION

I move to direct staff to develop and return to the Town Council a fee schedule for emergency service response inside Town limits when alcohol or drugs are involved in creating the need for emergency response.

SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR POSSIBLE MOTION:

In 2001 the Arizona Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law A.R.S. § 9-500.20, which allows a city or town that provides emergency fire or emergency medical services outside its corporate limits to charge for those services. In response, the Town of Payson adopted Resolution No. 1560 which established a fee schedule for the recovery of such costs. The fee schedule for out of jurisdiction response has been amended over the years. At the time the schedule was first adopted, and since then, the Town has opted not to charge residents for emergency response services. This CDR was requested by Vice-Mayor Vogel to seek direction from Council whether to add a charge to residents for emergency response when alcohol or drugs are involved in creating the emergency, and if so how that charge should be computed. A copy of Resolution No. 2368 is attached showing the existing charges. Another method might be to compute actual cost per incident.

This office did an informal survey of Arizona communities on this issue, with the following results: Chandler, Chino Valley, Kingman, Mesa and Pinetop do not charge for emergency services. Flagstaff is currently considering a charge relative to removing vehicles from snow drifts. Peoria is looking into a possible charge for emergency services. Phoenix does charge for emergency services. The above motion would allow the Town of Payson to go forward with exploring these charges.

PROS: N/A

CONS: N/A

PUBLIC INPUT (if any):

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RESOLUTION NO. 2368

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE PROVIDING OF EMERGENCY FIRE AND MEDICAL SERVICES OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON.

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 9-500.20 provides that a city or town which provides emergency fire or emergency medical services outside its corporate limits may charge for such services; and

WHEREAS, said Section permits such charges to be established by resolution of the governing body of the city or town incurring costs for such services; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the Town established a fee schedule for such charges; and

WHEREAS, in order to recover its costs, it is the intent of the Town of Payson and its fire department to amend the amount the Town charges for such services,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, DO HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Town of Payson incurs costs in providing emergency fire and emergency medical services outside its corporate limits.

Section 2. In 2001, the Mayor and Common Council approved Resolution 1560 setting a fee schedule for the provision of emergency fire and emergency medical services outside the corporate limits of the Town.

Section 3. Since the passage of Resolution 1560, the costs of providing emergency fire and emergency medical services outside the corporate limits of the Town have risen.

Section 4. That the following amended fee schedule is hereby adopted for the recovery of costs of providing of emergency fire and emergency medical services outside the corporate limits of the Town of Payson:

RESOURCE	COST RECOVERY FEE
Type 1 ALS Engine Company	\$450 first hour, then \$250 per hour
Type 2 Water Tender	\$400 first hour, then \$200 per hour
Type 6 Engine Company	\$300 first hour, then \$150 per hour
Incident Commander & Vehicle	\$200 first hour, then \$100 per hour
Utility/Support Operator & Vehicle	\$300 first hour, then \$175 per hour
Rehab/Support Group & Vehicle	\$400 first hour, then \$200 per hour
Type 1 Transport Rescue	\$400 first hour, then \$200 per hour
Special Operations Trailer	\$800 first hour, then \$400 per hour
Ladder Company	\$500 first hour, then \$250 per hour

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Section 5. That the Town of Payson Fire Department be and is hereby authorized to charge and collect the fees set forth in Section 4 hereof.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF
THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, this _____ day of April, 2008, by the following vote:**

AYES _____ NOES _____ ABSTENTIONS _____ ABSENT _____

F. Robert Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

Samuel I. Streichman, Town Attorney