

GREEN TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE #2019-02

FIRE DEPARTMENT COST RECOVERY ORDINANCE

This ordinance is to provide for the recovery and collection of fees for providing Fire and Rescue personnel, equipment and services for certain fires and other emergencies pertaining to utility companies. Pursuant to the authority of 1951 PA 33, as amended by 1990 PA 102, MCL 41.806a; MSA 5.2640(6a).

The Township of Green County of Alpena, State of Michigan

Section 1: DEFINITION

Utility or Utilities: Gas, electric, fuel (natural or other), telephone/cable, and pipe line pump stations.

Section 2: APPLICABILITY

- a.) This ordinance shall apply to all emergency situations and circumstances involving utilities as described below whereby the Green Township Fire Department (hereinafter referred to as Fire Department) responds to a request for the Fire Department and its professional assistance and causes equipment and/or the personnel of the Fire Department to respond in Green township or an area in which the Green Township Fire Department is contracted to provide fire coverage.
- b.) Charges shall apply when Fire Department personnel or fire apparatus has to stand by a location to maintain public safety until the owner of such utility shows up and makes the scene safe.
- c.) Charge for services related to utilities: When responding to a scene of the incident (i.e. power line down), units will notify Alpena Central Dispatch to notify the company owning the downed line/utility. When dispatch notifies the fire units on scene that the utility company has been notified, that time will be recorded on an incident form. There will be no charge to the utility company until 61 minutes have passed after the recorded time and utility representatives

have not arrived on scene. Every hour past that will be charged at a separate rate in ½ hour increments.

- d.) Any cost for specialized contract service, such as heavy equipment or hazmat cleanup, will be the responsibility of the utility.
- e.) The utility will be responsible for mutual aid costs and expenses, as provided for by the responding department or by the department's fee schedule, if any.
- f.) The fee schedule (subject to periodic review and increases) will be completed by the Township Board and Fire Department officers. See *FEE SCHEDULE* for exact fees for service, equipment cost for damaged equipment, supplies, materials used by the Fire Department directly connected with the response to mitigate the incident.
- g.) Within sixty (60) days of the incident, or as soon as reasonably possible, the Fire Department/Township shall send, via first class mail, a cost recovery invoice to the company/owner of the utility line or equipment (pumping station, well or propane). The invoice will identify the expenses owed and the bases for such charges (explanation of incident). The invoice shall be due and payable within (30) days for the date of mailing.

Section 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective the day after publication.

Certification

I Melony Sumerix, the undersigned Clerk for the Township of Green, Alpena County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above ordinance was approved and adopted by the Green Township Board on the 11th day of February 2019.

Green Township Clerk

Fee Schedule

Utilities stand-by

When response by the utility company is made within an hour cost is \$0.00 after being notified by Alpena Central Dispatch of the incident and a response by the company was requested.

For responses taking over an hour, the cost is \$300.00 for the second hour and \$50.00 per hour for each additional hour.

*Hazmat standby, \$0 for first hour, \$300.00 for second hour a \$50.00 for every hour after that. Owner (responsible party) shall pay costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, which the Township incurs in connection with the mitigation of the incident.

*Residential Structural Fires	currently \$0
*Commercial Fires	currently \$0
*Woodland Fire (due to human)	currently \$0
*Unauthorized Brush/debris burning	currently \$0
*Auto Accidents/Extrications	currently \$0

Sub items supporting the ordinance and are subject to change at any time for updating cost by the Green Township Board.