

HART COUNTY, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE # 220.26A

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ADDITION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE DUE/MEMBERSHIP FEES TO EVERY PROPERTY TAX BILL OF PROPERTY OWNERS IN HART COUNTY, KENTUCKY.

THAT WHEREAS, KENTUCKY REVISED STATUTE 75.450 PERMITS A FISCAL COURT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CHARGES OR SUBSCRIBER FEES TO BE ADDED TO PROPERTY TAX BILLS, AND WHEREAS THE FISCAL COURT FINDS THAT SAME WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF RESIDENTS OF HART COUNTY,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF HART COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PURSUANT TO KENTUCKY REVISED STATUTE 75.450 AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I

EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION:

This ordinance is to take effect immediately upon passage by the Hart County Fiscal Court on second reading and publication, according to law. The fire due/membership fees for the year 2013 shall be placed on the 2012 property tax bills, thus paying said fire due/membership fees in advance, and said shall be placed on the property tax bills for all subsequent years' tax bills until said ordinance is amended or rescinded by ordinance of this fiscal court.

SECTION II

COLLECTION OF ANNUAL FIRE DUE/MEMBERSHIP FEES:

- (1) Upon passage of this ordinance, it shall be the duty of Hart County Property Valuation Administrator's (PVA) Office to add the volunteer fire department annual fire due/membership fee to every tax bill in Hart County in the manner prescribed in numerical paragraph (3) below.
- (2) The volunteer fire department fire due/membership fees shall be collected and distributed by the Hart County Sheriff's Department. The Hart County Sheriff's Department shall make distribution of the collected fire due/membership fees to the appropriate Hart County Volunteer Fire Department which lies totally or partially in Hart County Kentucky. The distribution described above will be conducted as prescribed in numerical paragraph (3) below.
- (3) The amount of the annual fire due/membership fee shall be \$35.00 per each property tax bill. The Hart County Sheriff's Department will collect and distribute to the appropriate Hart County Volunteer Fire Department the fire due/membership fees collected from said tax bills in that Hart County Volunteer Fire Department's district in the same manner as the other taxes on the bill.

(4) The Hart Fiscal Court recognizes that the Hart County PVA and the Hart County Sheriff's Department will have expenses associated with the preparation, collection and distribution of the tax bills. Therefore a 2.75% administrative fee will be deducted from each fire due/membership to be divided evenly between these two county offices.

SECTION III

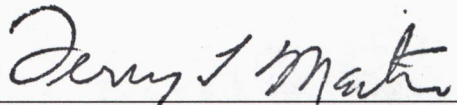
COLLECTION OF ANNUAL FIRE DUE/MEMBERSHIP FEES/ANNUAL WAIVER REQUEST:

(1) The following property is exempt from the fire due/membership fee requirement established by this ordinance: churches, schools, publicly owned utility companies, and any other governmental property. Any property located within the city limits of Horse Cave and Munfordville is exempt from the fire due/membership fee requirement established by this ordinance due to these cities having city fire departments.

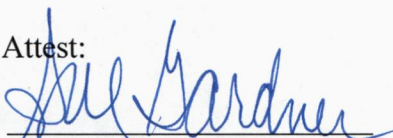
(2) Participation in the volunteer fire department annual fire due/membership fee collection system is optional. Accordingly, every property owner may sign an annual waiver request on or before each January 1st for the tax cycle in which tax bills were mailed the prior November with the appropriate Hart County Volunteer Fire Department in whose district each parcel of property is located requesting reimbursement from said department of the paid fire due/membership fees for each tax bill upon proof of payment of said fees.

ADOPTED by the Hart County Fiscal Court following first reading this the 16 day of February, 2012.

ADOPTED by the Hart County Fiscal Court following second reading this the 1 day of March, 2012.


HART COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

Attest:


Hart County Fiscal Court Clerk