ORDINANCE # 220 al B

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE #220.36 IN WHICH A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE DUE/MEMBERSHIP FEE WAS ADDED TO EVERY PROPERTY TAX BILL OF PROPERTY OWNERS IN HART COUNTY, KENTUCKY.

AND WHEREAS, THE FISCAL COURT INTENDS TO AMEND SAID ORDINANCE TO COME INTO CONFORMITY WITH KRS 75.450(7) WHICH ONLY PERMITS A COLLECTION FEE FOR THE SHERIFF,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF HART COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PURSUANT TO KENTUCKY REVISED STATUTE 75.450, THAT ORDINANCE #_____ BE AND IS HEREBY AMENDED AS SET FORTH BELOW AT SECTION II(4), WITH ALL OTHER SECTIONS REMAINING UNCHANGED HEREBY:

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said shall be placed on the property tax bills for all subsequent years' tax bills until said ordinance is amended or rescinded by ordinance of this fiscal court.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/MEMBERSHP FEES:

- (1) Upon passage of this ordinance, it shall be the duty of Hart County Property Valuation Administrator's 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 hereby sets a collection fee for the Hart County Sheriff's Department to retain an amount not to exceed four and one-fourth percent (4.25%) of the membership charges or subscriber fees collected.

SECTION III

COLLECTION OF ANNUAL FIRE DUE/MEMBERSHP 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 day of ________, 2013.

ADOPTED by the Hart County Fiscal Court following second reading this the 8 day of august, 2013.

Hart County Judge/Executive

ATTEST:

County Clerk