



# Desert Hills Fire District

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## **RESOLUTION NO: 2018-01**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM TO CHARGE MITIGATION RATES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED/RENDERED FOR THE DESERT HILLS FIRE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the emergency services response activity to incidents continues to increase each year; Environmental Protection requirements involving equipment and training, and Homeland Security regulations involving equipment and training, creating additional demands on all operational aspects of the fire department services; and

WHEREAS, the fire department has investigated different methods to maintain a high level of quality of emergency and non-emergency service capability throughout times of constantly increasing service demands, where maintaining an effective response by the fire department decreases the costs of incidents to insurance carriers, businesses, and individuals through timely and effective management of emergency situations, saving lives and reducing property and environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, raising real property tax to meet the increase in service demands would not be fair when the responsible party(s) should be held accountable for their actions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Desert Hills Fire District desires to implement a fair and equitable procedure by which to collect said mitigation rates and shall establish a billing system in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and guidelines; Now, Therefore

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DESERT HILLS FIRE DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1: The Desert Hills Fire District shall initiate mitigation rates for the delivery of emergency and non-emergency services by the fire department for personnel, supplies and equipment to the scene of emergency and non-emergency incidents as listed in "EXHIBIT A". The mitigation rates shall be based on actual costs of the services and that which is usual, customary and reasonable (UCR) as shown in "EXHIBIT A", which may include any services, personnel, supplies, and equipment and with baselines established by addendum to this document.

SECTION 2: The Desert Hills Fire District shall not initiate mitigation rates for the delivery of emergency and non-emergency services by the fire department for personnel, supplies and equipment to the scene of emergency and non-emergency incidents provided to the residential properties within the prescribed boundaries of the Desert Hills Fire District.

SECTION 3: A claim shall be filed to the responsible party(s) through their insurance carrier. In some circumstances, the responsible party(s) will be billed directly.

SECTION 4: The fire department's Board may make rules or regulations and from time to time may amend, revoke, or add rules and regulations, not consistent with this Section, as they may deem necessary or expedient in respect to billing for these mitigation rates or the collection thereof.

SECTION 5: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in accordance with all legal requirements, and the Codified Resolutions of the Board.

SECTION 6: This resolution shall take effect at the date of adoption.

SECTION 7: The Mitigation Rates lists in Exhibit A will increase by 1.5% annually or based on the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as developed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, whichever is more. Rate adjustments will occur on the anniversary date of this ordinance/resolution to keep the fire department's cost recovery program in conformity with increasing operating expenses.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

VOTE ON PASSAGE:     \_\_\_ Yea     \_\_\_ Nay     \_\_\_ Abstain

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brad Shelton, Clerk of the Board

*I, John Hayes, Chairmen of the Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2018-01 was voted upon and approved by a majority vote of the Board, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018; and I further certify the compliance with the Codified Resolution and the laws of the Board.*

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*John Hayes, Chairmen of the Board*