

## **RESOLUTION 10436**

### **A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, REVISING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR GREAT FALLS FIRE RESCUE (GFFR) AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION 10311**

**WHEREAS**, the Great Falls City Commission adopted Resolution 10311 on August 6, 2019, setting forth fees for services provided by Great Falls Fire Rescue (GFFR); and

**WHEREAS**, providing ancillary services or special circumstances are beyond the scope of those services covered by typical emergency work; and

**WHEREAS**, pressing issues facing GFFR include compliance of the annual Safety Inspection Certificate (SIC) program, repeated re-inspections on deficient life safety systems found during annual service requirements, and repeated false activation of fire alarm systems; and

**WHEREAS**, after the issuance of SICs, GFFR conducts life safety inspections. Inspections and all subsequent re-inspections require multiple visits to businesses to gain code compliance, man hours drafting compliance letters in conjunction with the City Attorney's Office after repeated non-compliance of annual inspections, that results in a drawn out process to gain overall compliance of the SIC program to ensure that commercial buildings in Great Falls are safe; and

**WHEREAS**, service reports of annual inspections of life safety systems are submitted through the City's online reporting vendor. When systems are found to be deficient, GFFR shall follow up on these deficiencies. GFFR may have to make multiple re-inspections to gain compliance. This process follows the same process as the SIC inspections; and

**WHEREAS**, false alarm calls cause expenditures of time, staff and other resources that are already limited. The current code authorizes the imposition of fines or penalties for inadvertent false alarms relating to unauthorized entry (burglar alarms), and should be extended to repeated activation of fire alarm systems; and

**WHEREAS**, GFFR presented at the June 15, 2021 work session and the Commission subsequently adopted Ordinances pertaining to Safety Inspection Certificates and False Alarms.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, that:**

- 1) Resolution 10311 is superseded by these terms.
- 2) Great Falls Fire Rescue service fees are set forth as follows:

#### **Great Fall Fire Rescue (GFFR) Fee Schedule**

#### **REPORTS:**

Incident Reports	\$11.00
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Fire Investigation Report & Photos – BY SUBPOENA ONLY	\$100
Single page copies	\$0.25/page

**FIRE INSPECTION FEES:**

First Inspection	Covered by SIC
1 <sup>st</sup> Re-Inspection	Covered by SIC
2 <sup>nd</sup> Re-Inspection	\$200.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Re-Inspection	\$300.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Re-Inspection	see OCCGF § 15.9.050

**FALSE ALARM FEE:**

3 <sup>rd</sup> False Activation in a 365-day time period	\$100.00
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**FACILITIES (daily rates):**

Training Center classroom ( <i>includes audio/visual equip</i> )	\$121 per day
Training Center facility ( <i>includes Tower, Roof/Burn Props</i> )*	\$286 per day
*Note: Burn prop requires GFFR supervision	

**APPARATUS (hourly rates – personnel costs not included):**

1 ALS Rescue Engine	\$224 per hour
1 Fire Engine	\$188 per hour
1 Aerial Apparatus 100 foot Pierce Platform	\$335 per hour
1 Command Vehicle	\$120 per hour
1 Rescue Vehicle	\$120 per hour
1 Hazmat Trailer w/equip	\$142 per hour
Hazmat supplies/tools	cost + 20%

**SERVICES OTHER:**

CPR Training Class	\$35 per student
Fire Water Line Flush	\$100 each

**PERSONNEL (regular hourly rates at cost to City):**

Current

1 Management	Current salary plus benefits
1 Command Officer	Current salary plus benefits
1 Company Officer	Current salary plus benefits
1 Firefighter	Current salary plus benefits

*\*Overtime hours will be calculated at the rate of 1.5 times regular rate*

**EQUIPMENT:**

Ladder testing (per ladder)	\$77
Hose repair (per length)	\$19
Repair parts	cost + 20%

**CASCADE SYSTEM – BREATHING AIR:**

30 / 60 min bottle filling with NFPA certified Air	\$24 per cylinder
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*Note: All rates are invoiced at a minimum of 1 hour and rounded to the nearest half hour.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA** that these fees shall become effective upon adoption. Great Falls Fire Rescue shall post the fee schedule on the GFFR webpage of the City's website.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

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Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

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Jeffrey M. Hindoen, City Attorney