

WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE 2020-07

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD ESTABLISHING
PROVISIONS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Fire Department

West Deptford Fire Departments

Person

A natural person or persons, partnership, corporation, association, firm or other legal entity.

Section 2. Authorization to recover cost and expenses

The governing body of the Township of West Deptford authorizes the Fire Department to recover the costs of fire-fighting materials used and expended, the costs of the use of the fire trucks, fire engines, rescue equipment and tankers, the costs of personnel hours, and hazardous situation abatement materials involved in any fire, safety and rescue incident or operation, and hazardous abatement incident, including vehicular accidents and fires.

Section 3. Schedule of fees and costs.

Attached hereto, incorporated herein and made part hereof as Exhibit A is a Schedule of Fees and Costs which have been authorized by the governing body of the Township of West Deptford to be charged by the Fire Department. These fees and costs may be charged and invoiced to any person or insurance carrier for whom or for whose property such services were rendered and/or materials provided.

Section 4. Collection of costs.

Said costs and fees as outlined above and in Exhibit A shall be recovered by direct billing by the Fire Department or shall be recovered by arrangements and contract with

a third party vendor. The utilization of the collection service of a third party vendor shall be for those situations or collection situations in which the Fire Department agree that services provided by a third party vendor can be best utilized.

Section 5. Billing guidelines

A. Statement. The Township of West Deptford does hereby establish guidelines for the billing by the Fire Department.

B. Guidelines.

(1) Structures. Cost recovery. Billing will be processed for structure fires wherein there is sufficient damage for the owner/tenant of the property to file a claim with his or her insurance company.

Examples of such structure fires include, but are not limited to, dwellings, apartments or apartment complexes, commercial or non-commercial buildings or outbuildings.

(2) Vehicles. Billing will be processed for all vehicle fires and vehicle accidents wherein the owner/insured/operator involved files a claim with their insurance company. Billing shall also be processed for vehicle fires in any vehicle holding yard or junkyard, regardless of insurance. Invoices shall be sent directly to the owner of the property.

(3) Other. Billing will be processed for all other incidents not covered above, regardless if insured or not. Examples would be dumpster, illegal burns, etc.

(4) Billing. The Township, at its sole discretion, may contract with an outside business entity to process the billing and payment collection process for Fire Department services.

Section 6. Interest and administration fees.

In addition to the aforementioned fees and costs, the Fire Department is authorized to collect reasonable interest and administration fees for collecting said fees and costs.

Section 7. In the event that a person utilizing the services or materials of the Fire Department fails to make payment for those fees and services directly to the Fire Department or any third party vendor, then, upon receipt of notice of the failure of payment, the governing body of the Township of West Deptford may elect to bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction for the collection of any amounts due hereunder plus attorneys' fees or for any other relief that may be appropriate.

Section 8. Repealer

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 9. Severability:

Each section of this Ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective, shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts hereof.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD



DENICE DICARLO, Mayor

Attest:



LEE ANN DEHART, Registered Municipal Clerk

INTRODUCED at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West
Deptford, held on March 18, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE				
	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Denice DiCarlo	✓			
Megan Kerr	✓			
James Mehaffey	✓			
Adam Reid				✓
James Robinson	✓			
TALLY:	4			1

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West
Deptford, held on April 15, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE				
	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Denice DiCarlo	✓			
Megan Kerr	✓			
James Mehaffey	✓			
Adam Reid	✓			
James Robinson	✓			
TALLY:	5			

EXHIBIT A

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD

BILLING LIST/FIRE DEPARTMENT

Apparatus

Engine:	\$350.00 Per Hour
Aerial/Ladder:	\$400.00 Per Hour
Rescue:	\$300.00 Per Hour
Squad/Utility/Support:	\$150.00 Per Hour
Tanker/Tender:	\$300.00 Per Hour

Equipment/Service

SCBA	\$50.00 Each
Hose (per 50')	\$25.00
Gas/Co Detector/Heat Gun	\$50.00 Per Use
Deodorizer	\$25.00 Per Use
Extinguisher (any class)	\$50.00 Per Use
Fire Police Services	\$100.00 Per Hour
Hand Tools	\$15.00 Each
Hydraulic Rescue Tools	\$200.00 Each
Scene Lighting	\$75.00 Per Hour
Oil Booms	\$20.00 Each
Oil Absorbent Sheets	\$2.50 Each
Oil Dry	\$35.00 Bucket
Portable Pumps	\$30.00 Hour
Power Tools	\$50.00 Each
Road Closing/Traffic Control	\$100.00 Per Hour
Salvage Covers	\$35.00 Each
Debris Cleanup/Removal	\$250.00
Flares	\$8.00 Each
Ventilation Fans	\$50.00 Each
IR Camera	\$100.00 Each
Foam	\$65.00 Per Gallon
Cribbing:	
- Passenger	\$100.00 Each
- Class B	\$200.00 Each
- Trucks – Class A	\$500.00 Each
Stabilization Struts	\$50.00 Per Use
Latex Gloves	\$2.00 Per Pair
Ladders	\$35.00 Per Use
Medical Extrication (w/ Hydraulics)	\$1,500.00 Per Patient
Generator	\$50.00 Per Hour
Hand lights	\$5.00 Per Use
Portable Pond	\$150.00 Per Use
Wetting Agent	\$25.00 Per Unit
Fire Line Tape	\$.25 per foot
Fire Fighter	\$50.00 Per Hour
Other Material and Equipment	Replacement Cost