



**CITY OF IONIA  
COUNTY OF IONIA, MICHIGAN  
CITY COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF THE RATES, FEES, AND  
CHARGES FOR ASSESSABLE COSTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART SIXTEEN,  
CHAPTER 1612, SECTIONS 1612.02 AND 1612.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES  
OF THE CITY OF IONIA**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ionia, Michigan, held in the City Council Chambers, Ionia City Hall, 114 North Kidd Street, Ionia, Michigan, on October 1, 2025, there were:

**PRESENT:** Tim Lee, Margot Cook, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Mary Patrick, Troy Waterman, Brenda Cowling, John Milewski

**ABSENT:** None

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Millard and seconded by Councilmember Cook:

**WHEREAS**, Michigan law authorizes the City Council to legislatively provide for the recovery of usual, customary, and reasonable (UCR) costs, fees, and charges incurred by the City and its mutual aid partners in connection with providing emergency assistance and responding to designated incidents (“Assessable Costs”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ionia provides for such cost recovery efforts in Part Sixteen, Chapter 1612, Sections 1612.01 through 1612.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Ionia (“Code”); and

**WHEREAS**, Sections 1612.02 and 1612.03 of the Code provide, in part, that a schedule of the City’s Assessable Costs is to be established and adopted, from time to time, by Resolution of the City Council;

**WHEREAS**, Section 1612.03 of the Code provides, in part, that the schedule of the City’s Assessable Costs, once established by Resolution of the City Council, shall increase by the annual percentage increase in the Consumers Price Index (“CPI”) as developed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to establish and adopt the same.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Recitals set forth above are affirmed as accurate and adopted herein as if fully restated.

2. Pursuant to the Sections 1612.02(a)(4) and 1612.03(b) of the Code, the City Council hereby establishes and adopts the following rates, fees, and charges for emergency services as provided for in the attached "Exhibit A."
3. Pursuant to Section 1612.03(c) of the Code, the rates, fees, and charges for emergency services, as provided for in Exhibit A, shall increase annually by the CPI, upon the anniversary date of the adoption of this Resolution. For purposes of implementing this Resolution, the CPI shall be determined from the rolling 12-month period concluding upon the last full month prior to the anniversary date of the adoption of Resolution, for which data is available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
4. The City Manager and the Director of the Department of Public Safety are authorized and directed to take such further actions as are reasonably necessary to implement this Resolution and comply with the Code.
5. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to maintain on file in their offices a copy of this Resolution (with Exhibit A) and to make a copy of the same available to any member of the public upon request.
6. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.
7. This Resolution shall take effect on October 1, 2025.

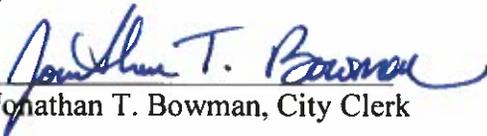
YEAS: Tim Lee, Margot Cook, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Mary Patrick,  
Troy Waterman, Brenda Cowling, John Milewski

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION 2025-24 DECLARED ADOPTED**

  
Jonathan T. Bowman, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Ionia, Ionia County, Michigan at a regular meeting held on October 1, 2025, and that the public notices of said meeting were given pursuant to Act No. 267 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting notice of publication or posting at least 18 hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

Dated: October 2, 2025

  
Jonathan T. Bowman, City Clerk

**EXHIBIT A  
MITIGATION RATES  
BASED ON PER HOUR**

The mitigation rates below are average "billing levels", and are typical for the incident responses listed, however, when a claim is submitted, it may be itemized and based on the actual services provided.

These rates are based on actual costs using amortized schedules for apparatus (including useful life, equipment, repairs, and maintenance). Labor rates include an average department's actual burdened labor costs and not just a firefighter's wage. These include wages, retirement, benefits, workers comp, etc.

**MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENTS**

**Level 1 - \$618.00**

Provide hazardous materials assessment and scene stabilization. This will be the most common "billing level". This occurs almost every time the fire department responds to an accident/incident.

**Level 2 - \$705.00**

Includes Level 1 services as well as clean up and material used (sorbents) for hazardous fluid clean up and disposal. We will bill at this level if the fire department has to clean up any gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident/incident.

**Level 3 – CAR FIRE - \$860.00**

Provide scene safety, fire suppression, breathing air, rescue tools, hand tools, hose, tip use, foam, structure protection, and clean up gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident/incident.

**ADD-ON SERVICES:**

**Extrication - \$1,859.00**

Includes heavy rescue tools, ropes, airbags, cribbing etc. This charge will be added if the fire department has to free/remove anyone from the vehicle(s) using any equipment. We will not bill at this level if the patient is simply unconscious and fire department is able to open the door to access the patient. This level is to be billed only if equipment is deployed.

**Creating a Landing Zone - \$567.00**

Includes Air Care (multi-engine company response, mutual aid, helicopter). We will bill at this level any time a helicopter landing zone is created and/or is utilized to transport the patient(s).

**Itemized Response:** You have the option to bill each incident as an independent event with custom mitigation rates, for each incident using, itemized rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized per apparatus, per personnel, plus products and equipment used.

## **HAZMAT**

### **Level 1 - \$999.00**

**Basic Response:** Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, set-up and command.

### **Level 2 - \$3,566.00**

**Intermediate Response:** Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, hazmat certified team and appropriate equipment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, set-up and command, Level A or B suit donning, breathing air and detection equipment. Set-up and removal of decon center.

### **Level 3 – \$8,420.00**

**Advanced Response:** Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, hazmat certified team and appropriate equipment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, first responder set-up and command, Level A or B suit donning, breathing air and detection equipment and robot deployment. Set-up and removal of decon center, detection equipment, recovery and identification of material. Disposal and environment clean up. Includes above in addition to any disposal rates of material and contaminated equipment and material used at scene. Includes 3 hours of on scene time - **each additional hour @ \$391.00 per HAZMAT team.**

## **FIRES**

**Assignment - \$568.00 per hour, per engine / \$711.00 per hour, per truck**

### **Includes:**

- Scene Safety
- Investigation
- Fire / Hazard Control

This will be the most common "billing level". This occurs almost every time the fire department responds to an incident.

**OPTIONAL: A fire department has the option to bill each fire as an independent event with custom mitigation rates.**

**Itemized, per person, at various pay levels and for itemized products use.**

## **ILLEGAL FIRES**

**Assignment - \$568.00 per hour, per engine / \$711.00 per hour, per truck**

When a fire is started by any person or persons that requires a fire department response during a time or season when fires are regulated or controlled by local or state rules, provisions or ordinances because of pollution or fire danger concerns, such person or persons will be liable for the fire department response at a cost not to exceed the actual expenses incurred by the fire department to respond and contain the fire. Similarly, if a fire is started where permits are required for such a fire and the permit was not obtained and the fire department is required to respond to contain the fire the responsible party will be liable for the response at a cost not to exceed the actual expenses incurred by the fire department. The actual expenses will include direct labor, equipment costs and any other costs that can be reasonably allocated to the cost of the response.

## **WATER INCIDENTS**

### **Level 1**

**Basic Response:** Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, first responder set-up and command, scene safety and investigation (including possible patient contact, hazard control). This will be the most common "billing level". This occurs almost every time the fire department responds to a water incident.

**Billed at \$583 plus \$70 per hour, per rescue person.**

### **Level 2**

**Intermediate Response:** Includes Level 1 services as well as clean up and material used (sorbents), minor hazardous clean up and disposal. We will bill at this level if the fire department has to clean up small amounts of gasoline or other fluids that are spilled as a result of the incident.

**Billed at \$1,170 plus \$70 per hour, per rescue person.**

### **Level 3**

**Advanced Response:** Includes Level 1 and Level 2 services as well as D.A.R.T. activation, donning breathing apparatus and detection equipment. Set up and removal of decon center, detection equipment, recovery and identification of material. Disposal and environment clean up. Includes above in addition to any disposal rates of material and contaminated equipment and material used at scene.

**Billed at \$2,897 plus \$70 per hour per rescue person, plus \$140 per hour per HAZMAT team member.**

### **Level 4**

**Itemized Response:** You have the option to bill each incident as an independent event with custom mitigation rates for each incident using itemized rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized, per trained rescue person, plus rescue products used.

## **BACK COUNTRY OR SPECIAL RESCUE**

**Itemized Response:** Each incident will be billed with custom mitigation rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized per apparatus per hour, per trained rescue person per hour, plus rescue products used.

**Minimum billed \$583 plus \$70 per hour, per rescue person. Additional rates of \$583 per hour per response vehicle and \$70 per hour per rescue person.**

### **CHIEF RESPONSE**

This includes the set-up of Command and providing direction of the incident. This could include operations, safety, and administration of the incident.

**Billed at \$356 per hour.**

### **MISCELLANEOUS / ADDITIONAL TIME ON-SCENE**

#### **ADDITIONAL TIME ON-SCENE (for all levels of service)**

Engine billed at \$568 per hour.

Truck billed at \$771 per hour.

Command at \$356 per hour

Miscellaneous equipment billed at \$427.

### **MITIGATION RATE NOTES**

The mitigation rates above are average "billing levels" for one hour of service, and are typical for the incident responses listed, however, when a claim is submitted, it may be itemized and based on the actual services provided.

These average mitigation rates were determined by itemizing costs for a typical run (from the time a fire apparatus leaves the station until it returns to the station) and are based on the actual costs, using amortized schedules for apparatus (including useful life, equipment, repairs, and maintenance) and labor rates (an average department's "actual personnel expense" and not just a firefighter's basic wage). The actual personnel expense includes costs such as wages, retirement, benefits, workers comp, insurance, etc.