

**HEATH TOWNSHIP
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

FIRE RUN CHARGE ORDINANCE NO. 53

Adopted: March 12, 2002

Effective: March 19, 2002

An ordinance to establish charges for fire protection services under Michigan Public Act 33 of 1951, as amended (Michigan Compiled Law 41.806a) to provide methods for the collection of such charges and exemptions therefrom, and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF HEATH
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SECTION I

PURPOSE

The within ordinance is adopted for the purpose of providing financial assistance to the Township for providing fire protection services and/or other emergency services from those receiving direct benefits from the service available.

SECTION II

CHARGES

The Treasurer shall bill any recipient of fire or emergency protection services provided by the Township a minimum charge of \$500.00 per run from the time of departure from the Fire Station for up to five hours; thereafter, an additional charge for the actual costs of labor and materials will be made. Future fire run charges may be established by Township resolution.

SECTION III

TIME FOR PAYMENT

It shall be the responsibility of the Township Treasurer to send a bill to the responsible party by first class mail as soon as practical after the services are rendered. All of the foregoing charges shall be due and payable within 30 days of the date invoice is rendered. In the event of default in payment, the amount due shall be collectable through proceedings in District Court or in any other court of competent jurisdiction as a matured debt. The Township Board may also order the assessment of all delinquent fire run bills to be levied against property owners determined to be delinquent.

SECTION IV

EXEMPTIONS

The following properties and services shall be exempt from the foregoing charges:

- A. False alarms. However, upon a third false alarm within a period of six months, a charge shall be imposed.
- B. Fires involving Township buildings, grounds and/or property.
- C. Fires of unknown origin on road right of ways.

SECTION V

NON-EXCLUSIVE CHARGE

The foregoing rates and charges shall not bar other charges that may be made by the Township for the costs of expenses of maintaining and operating fire protection service, but shall only be supplemental thereto. Charges may additionally be collected by the Township through general taxation after a vote of the electorate approving the same or by special assessment established under the applicable Michigan statutes. General fund appropriations may also be made to cover such additional costs and expenses.

SECTION VI

SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or part of the within Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION VII

EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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