

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP OF LOWER PROVIDENCE MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 619

**AN ORDINANCE OF LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
RECOGNIZING THE AUTHORITY OF FIRE COMPANIES AND
EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FOR
HAZARDOUS ABATEMENT INCIDENTS, ENVIRONMENTAL
INCIDENTS, AND FIRE SAFETY AND RESCUE RESPONSES
AUTHORIZING FIRE COMPANIES AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS
TO SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FOR HAZARDOUS ABATEMENT
INCIDENTS, ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS, AND FIRE SAFETY AND
RESCUE RESPONSES.**

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Providence Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

ARTICLE I. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as the Lower Providence Township Emergency Service Cost Reimbursement Ordinance

ARTICLE II. AUTHORITY, FINDINGS, AND PURPOSE.

- A. Authority – Under Sections 1803(b) and 1553 of the Second Class Township Code, 53 P.S. §66803(b) and 66553, the Township has the authority to make rules and regulation for the government of fire services and emergency service located within the Township.
- B. Findings – The Township recognizes that the duties of volunteer fire companies require specialized tools for fire suppression, safety, and rescue responses including but not limited to emergency rescue tools and equipment, emergency rescue materials, hazardous material abatement equipment, and hazardous abatement materials during emergency responses. The Township recognizes that such tools and equipment place a financial burden on volunteer fire companies, and the replacement of such materials and specialized training add to the additional financial burden for volunteer fire companies. The Township itself also incurs substantial costs in connection with hazardous abatement incidents, environmental incidents, and fire and safety rescue responses which occur within the Township.

- C. Purpose – To grant any fire company (“Fire Departments”) and emergency medical ambulance service (“EMS”) operating in Lower Providence Township the authority to seek reimbursement for the reasonable cost of responding to such incidents, either directly or in coordination with the Office of Emergency Management, as provided below and to authorize Lower Providence Township to seek reimbursement for the reasonable cost of responding to such incidents.

ARTICLE III. RECOVERY OF COSTS.

- A. The Township authorizes the Fire Departments, EMS and Lower Providence Township to recover the reasonable cost of emergency rescue tools, equipment, and materials; hazardous material abatement tools, equipment, and materials; and personnel hours involving any hazardous material, environmental, fire safety, and/or rescue incident or operation, including vehicular accidents.
- B. The reasonable costs incurred by the Fire Departments and EMS outlined above may be recovered directly by the Fire Departments and EMS or through a third party billing service as an authorized agent for the collection of such costs. The reasonable costs incurred by Lower Providence Township outlined above may be recovered directly by the Township or through a third party billing service as an authorized agent for the collection of such costs.
- C. The Township, Fire Departments, EMS or third party billing service shall only have the authority to recover the aforementioned costs from the applicable insurance company/carrier.
- D. The reimbursement rates for the aforementioned tools, equipment, and materials shall be set by the Fire Departments and EMS from time to time and shall be only applied to the recovery of applicable costs. These rates shall be submitted to the Township and shall be kept on file in the Township Building. The reimbursement costs for the aforementioned tools, equipment, and materials as set forth on the attached Exhibit “A” are hereby approved and may be modified from time to time by separate Resolution of the Board of Supervisors.
- E. In addition to the aforementioned reasonable costs, Lower Providence Township, the Fire Departments, EMS or third party billing service shall be authorized to collect reasonable interest, as well as a reasonable administrative fee for collecting the same, and any and all additional fees as may be authorized by the Hazardous Material and Emergency Planning and Response Act or authorized by any other statute or law.

ARTICLE IV. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP.

Except for recovery of costs incurred by the Township, the Township shall not be responsible for any aspect of the recovery of costs under this Ordinance. The Township

shall not take any steps to assist the Fire Departments, EMS or any third party billing service in recovery of costs under this Ordinance.

ARTICLE V. REPEALER.

All ordinances, parts of ordinances, and amendments thereof which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE VI. SEVERABILITY.

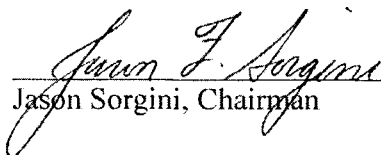
If any section, paragraph, sub-section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than that portion specifically declared invalid.

ARTICLE VII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after final enactment.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 5th day of February, A.D., 2015.

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Jason Sorgini, Chairman

Patrick T. Duffy, Vice Chairman

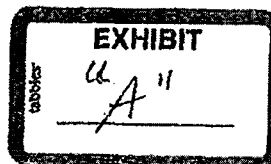
Colleen Eckman

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Jill Zimmerman

NEW UPDATED FIRE DEPARTMENT CHARGES

<i>Response of Chief Fire Officer or Fire Marshal</i>		<i>\$125.00 Per Hour</i>
<i>Fire Police Services</i>		<i>\$100.00 Per hour</i>
<i>Engine</i>		<i>\$350.00 Per hour</i>
<i>Aerial/Ladder</i>		<i>\$400.00 Per Hour</i>
<i>Rescue</i>		<i>\$300.00 Per Hour</i>
<i>Squad/Utility/Support</i>		<i>\$150.00 Per Hour</i>
<i>Chiefs/Command Vehicle</i>		<i>\$150.00 Per Hour</i>
SCBA		\$50.00 Each
Hose (Per 50')		\$25.00
Gas/CO Detector/Heat Gun		\$50.00 Per use
Extinguisher (Any Class)		\$50.00 Per use
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		\$10.00 Each
Oil Dry		\$35.00 Bucket
Portable Pump 1 1/2"		\$25.00 Per hour
Portable Pump 2 1/2"		\$35.00 Per Hour
Power Tools		\$50.00
Road Closing/Traffic Control		\$100.00 Per Hour
Salvage Covers		\$35.00
Debris Clean-up/Removal		\$250.00
Flares		\$8.00
Ventilation Fans		\$50.00 Each
Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC)		\$100.00 Each
Foam		\$60.00 Per Gallon
Cribbing Passenger Vehicle		\$100.00 Each
Cribbing Class B Vehicle		\$200.00 Each
Cribbing Class A Vehicle		\$500.00
Stabilization Struts		\$50.00 Per use
Latex Gloves		\$2.00 Pair
Portable Ladders		\$35.00 Per use
Medical Extrication (w/Hydraulics)		\$1500.00 Per patient
Generator		\$50.00 Per hour
Hand Lights		\$5.00 Per use
Fire Line Tape/Danger Tape		\$0.25 Per Foot
<i>Fire Report</i>		<i>\$35.00</i>
<i>Fire Code</i>		<i>\$35.00 Per Section</i>
<i>Digital photo's</i>		<i>\$100.00 per CD</i>
<i>Digital Photo's (by e-mail)</i>		<i>\$10.00 Each</i>
<i>Special- Emergency Fire Inspection</i>	<i>Per Fire Inspection</i>	<i>Fee Schedule</i>
<i>Special Fire Training Non-Profit</i>		<i>\$225.00/per hour</i>
<i>Special Fire Training For Profit</i>		<i>\$450.00/per hour</i>
<i>Fire Permit</i>		<i>\$300.00</i>
Special Incident: Total Cost of operation		Total Cost- Fee Sch
Hazardous Materials incident: Total cost of Operation		Total Cost- Fee Sch



International Fire Code Regulated Permits		\$75.00 Each
Non-emergency Knox box entry (lock-outs)		\$75.00
Posting of placards on unsafe structures per IFC		Total Cost- Fee Sch
Installation of hasp and padlock on unsecured structure		Total Cost- Fee Sch
Emergency Board-up permit		\$100.00
Truss Construction Placards		\$15.00 Each
Smoke Detector install - Rental Property		Total Cost- Fee Sch
Smoke Detector Battery - Rental Property		Total Cost- Fee Sch
False calls Per sections & City Code		
First false-alarm call		
Second false-alarm call		\$100.00
Third false- alarm call		\$200.00
Fourth false-alarm call		\$300.00
For each excessive false call thereafter		\$400.00
		\$500.00
Commercial Fire Inspections - Low Hazard Occupancies Business, Retail etc.		
1-2000 square feet		
2001 - 5000 square feet		\$110.00
5001 - 10,000 square feet		\$160.00
10,001 - 100,000		\$210.00
100,000 square feet or greater		\$260.00
• Fee includes one follow-up inspection		\$310.00
Commercial Fire Inspections - High Hazard Occupancies Manufacturing, Warehouse, Industrial etc.		
1-2000 square feet		
2001 - 5000 square feet		\$200.00
5001 - 10,000 square feet		\$250.00
10,001 - 100,000 square feet		\$300.00
100,000 square feet or greater		\$400.00
• Fee includes one follow-up inspection		\$500.00
Additional Fire Inspections/Follow-up Inspections		Per Fee Schedule

The property owner may be responsible for any additional fee(s) for the cost of any engineer(s) or other professional(s) that may be required for the completion of any required fire or life safety evaluation.