



Arkadelphia Fire Department

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SERVICE FEE SCHEDULE

I. TITLE

All rules and regulations contained herein, together with additions and amendments as may be hereafter adopted, are hereby designated as the "Arkadelphia Fire Department Fee Schedule."

II. AUTHORITY

This Fee Schedule is adopted by Resolution No. R-19-07 of the Board of Directors of the City of Arkadelphia.

SERVICE FEE SCHEDULE

ARKADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

- A. Fire Department is authorized to collect fees for services provided outside the city limits pursuant to all applicable rules, regulations, and state law
- B. Fees are the responsibility of the property owner or occupant and are due and payable immediately upon receipt of an invoice from the fire department or its authorized agent.
- C. Fire Department is authorized to obtain the requisite incident information to collect fees through internal and/or contractual services.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Fee Schedule is to provide for the reimbursement of costs for emergency and/or non-emergency responses by the Arkadelphia Fire Department for certain emergency incidents, special events, malicious incidents, hazardous material incidents, technical or specialized rescue incidents, motor vehicle collisions, and incidents caused by negligence and/or willful disregard for established fire and life-safety codes. Additionally, the Fee Schedule shall be applied to responses to non-City residents and/or those responses not covered under an approved mutual or automatic-aid agreement.

IV. LIABILITY

The Arkadelphia Fire Department shall, at its sole discretion, determine whether or not Fire Department resources and/or personnel are available for reimbursable services cited within this document. Furthermore, all persons responsible for the enforcement or application of the Fee Schedule, shall not be liable for any damage or injury to persons or property arising out of or relating in any way to the application or enforcement of this Fee Schedule.

V. DEFINITIONS

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in the Fee Schedule shall be as follows:

- a. Emergency Incident shall mean those incidents that require fire, rescue and/or medical response in an immediate fashion, following established emergency response protocols.
- b. Fire Department shall mean the Arkadelphia Fire Department.
- c. Emergency Personnel shall mean personnel who are employees of the Arkadelphia Fire Department during their involvement in an emergency or non-emergency incident.
- d. Hazardous Material Incident shall mean those incidents involving the release of any product that could prove a danger to health or the environment.
- e. Malicious Incident shall mean those emergency incidents which stem from an individual's intentional purpose to cause property damage, endanger lives, and/or cause the response of emergency personnel for other than an actual emergency.
- f. Medical Call shall mean those emergency incidents in which the Arkadelphia Fire Department responds and functions as the primary care provider.
- g. Motor Vehicle Collision shall mean incidents involving one or more motorized vehicles including cars, trucks, buses, planes, helicopters, trains, motorcycles, and the vehicles and trailers being pulled by motorized vehicles.
- h. Non-Emergency Incident shall mean those incidents which allow for fire, rescue and/or emergency medical response in a less urgent fashion, following established non-emergency response protocols.
- i. Non-Permitted Burns shall mean the intentional disposal of debris without the written permission from the Arkadelphia Fire Department.
- j. Nuisance Incident shall mean those incidents that are of the same nature, on a repetitive basis, at the same location, due to the lack of servicing to mechanical and/or electrical equipment of an emergency system, or the failure to correct a previously documented fire hazard, or false reporting of an emergency incident or any other fire department response that is deemed unnecessary by the Fire Chief, including but not limited to false alarms caused by carelessness.
- k. Special Event shall mean those non-emergency events that occur within and/or outside the City of Arkadelphia that require the presence of Emergency Personnel employed by the Fire Department, or as requested by owner/coordinator of the involved property.
- l. Technical Rescue Event shall mean incidents that require rope rescue, water rescue, confined space rescue or technical rescue services and/or extrication.
- m. Wildland Fire shall mean any outside fire involving general natural combustible materials, other than a permitted burn, with no restriction concerning area involved, or size of any damaged area.

VI. ELIGIBLE EXPENSES/INCIDENTS

The following types of occurrences and incidents that involve the response of Arkadelphia Fire Department personnel and/or resources are eligible for invoicing pursuant to this document.

- a. Fire protection services
- b. Services for preservation of life (hazardous material, technical rescue, mva, etc.)
- c. Medical services
- d. Plan reviews (includes plan review, inspection, citation, permit, and investigative)
- e. Standby charges (special events, fire watch, etc.)
- f. User fees (classroom fees, community outreach fees, etc.)
- g. Other charges (nuisance, negligent or malicious incidents)
- h. Non-permitted Burns
- i. Responses or use of Fire Department personnel and/or resources to non-City properties or persons not covered under an approved mutual or automatic-aid agreement.

VII. ENFORCEMENT

All enforcement, invoicing, and application of the Fee Schedule is the responsibility of the Fire Chief and/or his designee. Furthermore, the Fire Chief is authorized to conduct investigations and take other steps necessary and provided by law to enforce.

VIII. INVOICING

The invoice must contain, at minimum, the date on which services were rendered by the Arkadelphia Fire Department, due date for payment of invoice, mailing address for payment, the type of incident under the Fee Schedule that serves as the basis for the invoice, an explanation of the services provided, and the cost of rendered services.

- a. Responsible Party
 - i. Special Events may be invoiced per occurrence, with the property owner or event organizer(s) responsible as indicated at the time of the event planning.
 - ii. Malicious Incidents may be invoiced per occurrence to the responsible party.
 - iii. Hazardous Material Incidents may be invoiced per occurrence for negligent events, with the property owner and/or responsible party.
 - iv. Technical Rescue Incidents may be invoiced per occurrence for negligent events that result in rendered services.
 - v. Motor Vehicle Collisions where extrication is performed may be invoiced per occurrence. In the event multiple vehicles are involved, responsibility for costs may be prorated, as determined by the Fire Chief, among the person(s), operator(s), or vehicle owner(s).
 - vi. Non-Permitted Burns may be invoiced per occurrence to responsible party.
 - vii. Permitted Burns that get out-of-control due to negligence may be invoiced to the person that was issued the permit.
 - viii. Wildland Fires caused by negligence may be invoiced per occurrence to the individual responsible for starting the fire.
 - ix. Nuisance Incidents may be invoiced per occurrence, after three occurrences within a calendar year. The property owner shall be considered the responsible

party.

x. Medical Calls may be invoiced per occurrence, with the individual being treated held responsible for the costs. Invoices shall be the sole discretion of Fire Chief.

xi. Out-of-City Responses may be invoiced to the property owner or person receiving assistance from Fire Department resources and/or personnel.

b. Reimbursement rates shall be invoiced at the determined rate for each resource and/or employee. Additional time shall be prorated to the nearest ½-hour increments. The established reimbursement rates are published in the accompanying Arkadelphia Fire Department Fee Schedule. Payment of the invoice shall be due within 30-days of the invoice date, and interest shall accrue at a ten percent (10%) Annual Percentage Rate (APR) beginning the thirty-first (31st) day.

IX. EFFECTIVE DATE

The Arkadelphia Fire Department Fee Reimbursement schedule is effective May 21, 2019 and shall remain in effect until repealed. The Fire Chief is authorized to modify and/or amend the schedule per the adopted Ordinance.

Jason Hunt, Fire Chief

**OPERATION SERVICE FEE SCHEDULE
ARKADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

FIRE PROTECTION & EMERGENCY RESPONSE FEES

a. Equipment

Fire Engine	\$500/hour	1hr Minimum
Ladder Truck	\$500/hour	1hr Minimum
Equipment/Support unit	\$200/hour	1hr Minimum
Water Rescue Unit	\$150/hour	1hr Minimum
Command Unit	\$75/hour	1hr Minimum
Fire Investigation Unit	\$75/hour	1hr Minimum

b. Personnel

Chief Officer	\$30/hr
Inspector/Investigator	\$30/hr
Officer (LT or CPT)	\$30/hr
Driver/Engineer	\$25/hr
EMT/Medical First Responder	\$25/hr
Firefighter	\$25/hr

c. Supplies

All Supplies used or damaged Cost of supplies

Supplies may include water, foam, hose, tools, fuel, personal protection equipment, medical supplies, and any other equipment that was used or damaged as part of the response.

NOTE

After the full hour, all fees will be prorated to the next half-hour