

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04**TO ESTABLISH FIRE BILLING FOR THE VILLAGE OF PALMYRA FIRE CALLS**

We, the members of the Village of Palmyra; Village Board, approve billing services for the Village of Palmyra Fire Department's calls. These Fire Response Fees are intended to offset extraordinary costs while minimizing financial impact to taxpayers. The Palmyra Fire Rescue Department may seek reimbursement from applicable insurance carriers and/or charge fees when available for certain extenuating Fire related responses as notated below.

Residents within Palmyra Fire Rescues response area, including the Village and the Town of Palmyra, shall only be responsible for a reduced cost payment if insurance coverage is unavailable or does not cover, and the incident meets the defined criteria for extenuating circumstances. Residents may only be billed for direct third-party costs, or equipment loss when such costs are not recoverable through insurance and are directly attributable to extraordinary incident conditions as determined by the Fire Chief. This billing will only occur in rare, clearly defined high-cost situations. No resident shall receive a bill for standard emergency services without prior notice of this Resolution and a clear determination that the incident meets the criteria outlined herein.

Non-residents of the Village or Town of Palmyra receiving services within the Village or Town may be billed directly or through insurance for services rendered, as outlined in the fee schedule.

There are typically* NO charges associated with the following fire responses:

- Structure Fire Extinguishment and Suppression
- Business Fire Extinguishment and Suppression
- Stand-By (e.g. Public Event, Emergencies, Other Agency Assists)
- Grass/Wildland Fires/Smoke Investigation
- Carbon Monoxide/Smoke Alarm or False Alarm
- Cancelled in Route
- Mutual Aid

Extenuating Circumstances that *may be billed* include, but are not limited to:

- Large Scale Structure Fires requiring mutual aid from multiple jurisdictions
- Incidents involving specialized or hazardous materials response
- Prolonged Operations exceeding 2 hours
- Extraordinary use of equipment or personnel beyond standard response levels
- Repeated preventable incidents at the same property due to negligence or code violations
- Vehicle Fires (Independent from a Structure Fire)
- Vehicle Accidents (Motorized/Non-Motorized)**

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- Vehicle or Equipment incident requiring extrication, Hazmat, or Dive Team Response**
- Spill Clean Up (Oil Dry, Pads, or Booms), Class A, B, AR-AFFF Foam, Cutting Equipment
- Sonar, Drone, or Communications Equipment
- Fuel to refuel agencies responding to Palmyra Fire Rescue Incident

**Despite this NO billing policy, instances may occur that a property owner's insurance (i.e. taxpayer) may be billed for direct costs related to services provided by third parties or when equipment is lost, destroyed, damaged, or abandoned as part of mitigating an emergency. Residents may only be billed for these circumstances when such costs are not recoverable through insurance. Some examples may be but are not limited to acquiring an Excavator/Backhoe, Dump Truck, Landscape or other specialized equipment. Equipment, tools, or PPE that is required to be abandoned or lost in a fire due to structural concerns where it can no longer be retrieved or is significantly damaged due to said fire (outside normal wear and tear. If a neighboring community were to bill the Village of Palmyra for the user of their municipal water system for firefighting operations; or if prolonged incident requires extensive Rehab or staffing.*

***Minor vehicle crashes with no cleanup or no extended scene time over 2 hours or securing of a vehicle(s) required(e.g. "fender bender without leaking fluid") will not be billed. Hazardous materials spills/mitigation are commonly billed to property owners or responsible parties at hourly rates denoted in the attached fee schedule plus direct cost recovery.*

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are billed separately.

In doing so, the Village of Palmyra Village Board has resolved to approve the services of One Billing Solutions to bill on our behalf.

This resolution is to be reviewed and updated annually to meet the State of Wisconsin Requirements.

Resolution approved on this _____ day of _____, _____.

Lawfully signed by: _____

Village President

Village Clerk/Treasurer