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POLICY STATEMENT:

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the establishment of fire protection charges and fees for services provided by the Wainwright Fire Department.

PROCEDURES:

FIRE PROTECTION/ COLLISION RESPONSE CHARGES

Manpower	per current remuneration rates
Equipment	per current Province of Alberta rates – See attached Table 1

In addition to the hourly rates for Department owned equipment any other disbursements or expenses incurred by the Town in the provision of fire protection or rescue services, including but not limited to:

- the hiring of independent contractors to provide services and/or equipment;
- the charges incurred by the Town through Mutual Aid Agreements with other municipal jurisdictions;
- the charges incurred by the Town through Mutual Aid Agreements with the Department of National Defense; and

FALSE ALARMS

First and second incident	No charge (letter issued)
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Third and any subsequent incidents Shall be considered billable if it/they occur(s) within one year of the last/previous incident occurring. To re-set the count one year without an incident is required.	\$300.00 per call
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To a person that has willfully caused or activated an alarm to which the Department has responded or has been made aware of.	\$300.00 per call
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The Fire Chief or his/her designate shall be responsible for determining what constitutes a false alarm.

VEHICLE FIRE, MVA AND FUEL SPILL CALL-OUTS

When the Department has been called-out/dispatched by 911 to respond to a motor vehicle fire, accident or a fuel spill the Fire Chief or designate shall be responsible for completing the Vehicle Fire & MVC Report and forwarding it to the Town Office Accounts Receivable for invoicing.

The owner(s) or the insurance company of the owner(s) of a motor vehicle will be invoiced based on the established FIRE PROTECTION/COLLISION RESPONSE CHARGES established above, based on the services provided by the Department.

In the case of a multi-vehicle accident or fire all vehicle owners, or their insurance providers, will be charged the appropriate fee.

The Fire Chief or his/her designate shall be responsible for determining what is considered a billable incident, and the appropriate charges for apparatus and manpower hours.

Response rates will be reviewed and updated if/when changes to Provincial rate schedules are announced.

**TABLE 1: Rates of reimbursement for Fire Department units
Responding within a provincial highway right-of-way
Inflation Adjustment effective April 1, 2025**

Type of Unit	Comment	Hourly Rate (2025/26)
Ladder and pumper trucks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes equipment costs, labour, and all materials. These are specialized pieces of equipment specifically designed and built to fight fires. 	\$740
Light & Medium rescue vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used to transport manpower & equipment not covered under the rate for ladder and pumper trucks. Rescue vehicles must meet the equipment requirements listed in Section 4, particularly Table 4.2.2, of NFPA 1901. Light rescue vehicles are permanently rigged and equipped to do basic rescue tasks using hand & basic extrication tools (i.e. pry bars, air chisels, bolt cutters, stabilization equipment & cribbing, hand and power saws, lighting and portable hydraulic rescue tools) and medical aid equipment. Medium rescue vehicles carry more equipment to handle regularly occurring rescue tasks plus specialized rescue equipment for at least one rescue specialty. 	\$740
Command vehicles		\$215
Note: These rates are adjusted annually on April 1 st , using the inflation formula established in the Highway Maintenance contracts and rounded to the nearest \$5/hour.		