

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2009

PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EXTRICATION SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT ORDINANCE

ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Title

All rules and regulations contained herein, together with such additions and amendments as may be hereafter adopted, are hereby designated as the PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT “the District”, **EXTRICATION SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT ORDINANCE** or **“Ordinance.”**

B. Authority

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to authority granted under the authority granted by the Chapter 70 ILCS 705, “AN ACT IN RELATION TO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS.”

C. Purpose

To provide the District with partial reimbursement for costs of specialized extrication equipment, and personnel required for emergency motor vehicle rescues that require the use that require the use specialized tools and equipment to remove person or persons who are unable to exit motor vehicles without assistance in an immediate fashion, following established emergency response protocols.

D. Filing Ordinance

The Clerk of the Palos Fire Protection District shall file a certified copy of this Ordinance, as well as certified copies of any additions or amendments to this Ordinance as may be hereafter adopted, in the District Records.

ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS

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

“Extrication Equipment” includes by way of example, hydraulic tools cutters, spreaders and rams. They are popularly referred to in the United States, as Jaws of Life.

“Emergency Extrication Personnel” shall mean the fire fighter- paramedics who have specialized training for emergency or non-emergency extrication incidents.

“Additional Risks” with new technologies such as active systems such as airbags make cutting into a vehicle more complicated and the District incur substantial personnel training costs and the latest equipment. Airbags can remain active anywhere from 5 seconds to 20 minutes after being disconnected from the car's battery. New hybrid technologies also include additional high voltage batteries, or batteries located in unusual places. These can expose occupants and rescuers to shock, acid or fire hazards if not dealt with correctly. Some vehicles have an additional auto gas (LPG) tank and, there is a risk of damaging the pipe which is often under the car, releasing the pressurized fuel.

ARTICLE III

- A. All enforcement, invoicing, and application of this Ordinance is the responsibility of the Fire Chief.
- B. The Fire Chief is authorized to conduct investigations and take other steps that are necessary and provided by law to enforce this ordinance.

ARTICLE IV **INVOICING**

Motor Vehicle Accidents, in the Palos Fire Protection District and surrounding communities where extrication is performed shall be invoiced for each extrication performed. Taxpayers within the Palos Fire Protection District are excluded. In the event multiple vehicles where extrications are involved, the responsibility for costs are charged for each vehicle requiring extrication will be separately invoice among the person(s), operator(s), or vehicle owner(s) involved.

- 1. Invoices shall be issued by the Fire Chief or his designee for the sum of \$750.00, for each extrication.
- 2. Invoices shall include the date(s) on which services were provided by the District, the type of incident under this article that is serving as the basis for the invoice, an explanation of the services provided.
- 3. Invoices shall provide that payment shall be made to Palos Fire Protection District, Station 1, Palos Park, Illinois 60464, within thirty (30) days of the date of invoice with interest to accrue at the lesser of 9% nine percent or any statutory rate beginning on the 31st day.
- 4. The invoice shall be mailed first class mail to the last known address of the person responsible for paying the invoice.

ARTICLE V **APPEAL**

Any invoice may be appealed to the Chief at the District. The appeal shall be in writing and filed with the Chief within ten (10) days of the invoice date. The appeal shall be acted upon by the Chief within fifteen (15) days after the receipt of the appeal notice. Upon such appeal, the Chief shall act to reverse, affirm or modify in any regard the original invoicing determination of the Fire Chief. The Chief shall issue a written decision to the aggrieved party within fifteen (15) days of the appeal hearing.

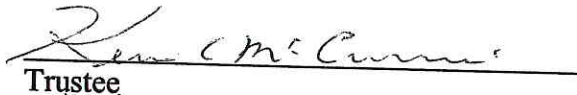
ARTICLE VII
ORDINANCE IN FORCE

A. Date of Enactment. Duly enacted and ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Palos Fire Protection District on this 3 day of FEB, 2009, at a duly noticed and duly held meeting of said Board of Trustees.

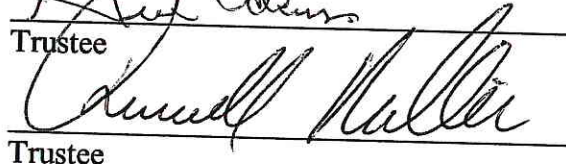
B. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication as provided by statute.

PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES


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