

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF HARRISON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
**ORDINANCE AUTHROIZING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND PAID  
FIRE COMPANIES TO CHARGE FEES**

BE IT ENACTED, an Ordinance pursuant to the provision of West Virginia Code §7-1-3d (supp. 2002), as amended, authorizing the County Commission to allow volunteer fire companies and paid fire departments within the County of Harrison, State of West Virginia, to charge reasonable reimbursement fees for personnel and equipment used in performing fire fighting services, victim rescue, and clean up of debris, and hazardous material by department personnel.

Harrison County Commission meeting this day and in compliance with the provisions of the West Virginia Constitution, and the statutes and laws of the State of West Virginia, find good cause to adopt such Ordinance in the interest of having continuous and effective fire protection for the property and citizens of Harrison County.

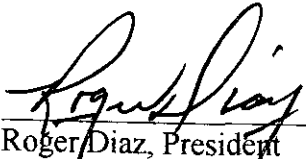
WHEREFORE, any volunteer fire company, and paid fire department, operating in and under the jurisdiction of the Harrison County Commission is hereby authorized to charge a reasonable fee for reimbursement for personnel and equipment used in performing fire fighting services, victim rescue, clean up of debris, and hazardous materials by fire department personnel. The rate for any such fee shall be charged to the property owner, or other person responsible or liable for payment of such services.

Further, pursuant to West Virginia Code §7-1-3d (supp. 2002), as amended, no fee for any single incident or accident shall exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), with the exception of an incident or accident involving hazardous materials. The County Commission of Harrison County shall require that any fees charged pursuant to this

authorization conferred by this Ordinance must be in writing, and be itemized by specific services rendered, and show the rate for each such service.

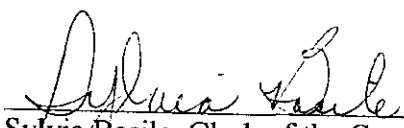
Any fire department submitting such fees as authorized by this Ordinance is hereby authorized to directly bill the property owner or other person responsible or liable for payment of such services, however the fire department shall forward a copy of such bill to the Clerk of the County Commission.

This Ordinance enacted upon by the Harrison County Commission on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003, and shall be made of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Harrison County, West Virginia.

  
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Roger Diaz, President  
Harrison County Commission

Attested:

This the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003, an Ordinance enacted by the Harrison County Commission by majority vote, held this day in a public meeting, the Ordinance having been read, noticed and publicly debated in accordance with the laws of the State of West Virginia, as reflected in the minutes of the Harrison County Commission.

  
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Sylvia Basile, Clerk of the County Commission  
Harrison County, West Virginia