

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

ORDINANCE 2018-07

COUNTY OF CLARNEDON

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM TO CHARGE MITIGATION RATES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES BY THE CLARENDON COUNTY FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the emergency and non-emergency services response activity to incidents continues to increase each year; Environmental Protection requirements involving equipment and training, and Homeland Security regulations involving equipment and training, creating additional demands on all operational aspects of the Clarendon County Fire-Rescue Department (hereinafter CCFD) services;

**WHEREAS**, CCFD has investigated different methods to maintain a high level of quality of emergency and non-emergency service capability throughout times of constantly increasing service demands, where maintaining an effective response by CCFD decreases the costs of incidents to insurance carriers, businesses, and individuals through timely and effective management of emergency situations, saving lives and reducing property and environmental damage;

**WHEREAS**, raising real property taxes to meet the increase in service demands would not be reasonable;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 6-1-330 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and other applicable statues and case law, Clarendon County Council desires to establish a fair and equitable mitigation rate or service fee (hereinafter Fee(s)) and procedure by which to collect said Fee for such services; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA:**

SECTION 1: Fees, pursuant to § 6-1-330 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and other applicable statues and case law, shall be established for the delivery of emergency and non-emergency services by CCFD for personnel, supplies and equipment to the scene of emergency and non-emergency incidents involving motorized vehicles that are not registered within Clarendon County, South Carolina. Fees shall be based on actual costs of the services which are usual, customary and reasonable, which may include any services, personnel, supplies, and equipment utilized or requested by CCFD.

SECTION 2: A system to collect said Fees shall be established and implemented by the County Administrator or his/her designee. Fees shall be filed to the responsible party(s) through their insurance carrier.

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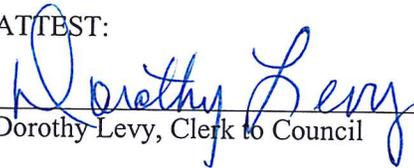
SECTION 3: The County Administrator is authorized to establish rules or regulations and from time to time amend, revoke, or add rules and regulations, not consistent with this Section, as they may deem necessary or expedient in respect to the establishment and collection of said Fees.

SECTION 4: Fees shall be reviewed annually by Clarendon County to determine if said Fees are in conformity with increasing operating expenses. Said Fees may only be amended annually by approval of Clarendon County Council.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days (30) from the date of adoption.



  
Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.  
Chairman, Clarendon County Council

ATTEST:  
  
Dorothy Levy, Clerk to Council

First Reading: July 10, 2018  
Public Hearing: August 13, 2018  
Second Reading: August 13, 2018  
Third Reading: September 10, 2018

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