

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-

**RESOLUTION UPDATING FIRE SERVICE FEES FOR THE CITY
OF INDEPENDENCE, IOWA**

WHEREAS, the City of Independence adopted Ordinance 2023-573 that created Fire Service Fees and Charges for various activities as outlined in the Independence Code of Ordinances Section 35.15; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has received the calendar year 2026 rates from the Iowa Firefighter’s Association and this has resulted in the request from Staff to modify the fee structure; and

WHEREAS, periodic review and adjustment is required to reflect the cost of providing services to the public and it is necessary to set appropriate fees pertaining to Fire Service Fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Independence, Iowa, as follows:

SECTION 1. Fees regarding Fire Department responses and/or calls for service are hereby established as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto.

SECTION 2. These fees shall be effective July 1, 2026.

SECTION 3. Severability Clause. If any portion of this resolution shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution as a whole or any portion not so adjudged.

SECTION 4. Repealer. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- was passed and approved by a majority vote of the City Council of Independence, Iowa, on the 12th day of January 2026.

Record of Voting:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- declared passed and adopted by the Mayor on this 12th day of January 2026.

Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, IA

ATTEST:

Susi Lampe, CMC, IaCMC, IaCFO,
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Independence, IA

EXHIBIT A

Iowa Fire Service

Annual Hazardous Materials Response Fee Structure

Calendar Year 2026

Category	Examples	Hourly Cost*
Heavy Response Apparatus with 4 personnel	Engine, ladder, heavy rescue, etc.	\$387.23
Light Response Apparatus with 2 personnel	Tanker, brush truck, ambulance, staff car, etc.	\$308.61
Extra Response Personnel		\$29.85
Expended Materials	Foam, containment booms, sand, absorbent, etc.	Replacement cost, including shipping.
Equipment Repair and/or Cleaning	Personal protective equipment, hose, nozzles; apparatus, etc.	Cost (parts plus labor), including shipping.
Damaged Equipment and/or Property	May include injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources, etc.	Replacement and/or repair cost, including shipping.
Other	Contracted services, contracted equipment, evacuation of people, etc.	Billed as used.

*Minimum of one hour. Billed in 15-minutes increments beyond the first hour.

This fee structure will be updated in January of each year according to the CPI-U, US City Average, All Items, 12-month percentage change for the period ending in October of the preceding year. (Reference: <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/>)

References:

- Hazardous Materials Response Billing Protocol for Iowa Fire Departments, Authored by Iowa Firemen’s Association and the Iowa Hazardous Materials Taskforce, December 2002.
- Iowa Code 455B.392

Supporting Fire Service Organizations:

Iowa Firefighter’s Association
Iowa Fire Chief’s Association
Iowa Association of Professional Fire Chiefs
Iowa Hazardous Materials Task Force