



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA – City Manager

FROM: Blake Hayward – Fire Chief

DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2026

ITEM TITLE: Fire Service Fee Update – 2026

BACKGROUND:

Staff is recommending an update to the fees to be in line with the Iowa Firefighter's Association.

DISCUSSION:

Below is a table comparing previous rates with current rates and showing the percentage increase:

Category	Examples	Previous Rates	Proposed Rates	Percent Increase
Heavy Response Apparatus with 4 personnel	Engine, ladder, heavy rescue, etc.	\$377.42	\$387.23	2.60%
Light Response Apparatus with 2 personnel	Tanker, brush truck, ambulance, staff car, etc.	\$300.79	\$308.61	2.60%
Extra Response Personnel		\$29.09	\$29.85	2.61%

The remaining rates shown in the table are based on replacement costs, etc.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of **supporting high-quality City services**. This item helps achieve that vision by ensuring fees are in line with current structures set by the Iowa Firefighter's Association.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution that increases the Fire Service Fees as shown in Exhibit A of the resolution.