



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA – City Manager

FROM: Blake Hayward – Fire Chief

DATE OF MEETING: January 13, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Fire Service Fee Update – 2025

BACKGROUND:

Fire Service Fees were discussed at the December 2, 2024, City Council Work Session Meeting. Staff is recommending an update to the fees to be in line with the Iowa Firefighter's Association.

DISCUSSION:

There was some discussion at the Work Session regarding what the increases looked like. 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.	\$368.57	\$377.42	2.40%
Light Response Apparatus with 2 personnel	Tanker, brush truck, ambulance, staff car, etc.	\$293.74	\$300.79	2.40%
Extra Response Personnel		\$28.41	\$29.09	2.40%

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 Support and Empower Workforce. This item helps achieve that vision by charging fees in line with actual costs and current economic indicators to provide adequate funding for these operations.

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.