



# Klamath County Fire District No. 1

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## ORDINANCE 19-01

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN FEES CHARGED BY KLAMATH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 (KCFD1/DISTRICT NO. 1) FOR VARIOUS SERVICES PROVIDED INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE, HIGHWAY ASSISTANCE, SUPPRESSION BILLING, FIRE-MED, STANDBY, PUBLIC AND CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS REQUESTS, AND FIRE PREVENTION. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE THE DATE OF SIGNATURE BELOW.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF KLAMATH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON:

### Section 1. Fee Schedule.

**A. Emergency Medical Response Fee Schedule.** The fees charged by Klamath County Fire District No. 1 for various Emergency Medical Responses fees shall be, and the same hereby are, fixed in accordance with the following schedule:

Emergency Medical Service Base Rate (Basic Life Support)	\$1500.00
Emergency Medical Service Base Rate (Advanced Life Support)	\$1850.00
Emergency Aid Response	\$460.00
ALS Rendezvous	\$200.00
Extra Attendant	\$200.00
Transport Mileage, billed to nearest 10th of a mile	\$25.00/mile
Assessment with refusal or no transport	\$0
Assessment of death, no transport	\$1,000.00
Care Facility Lift Assists (charged to the care facility)	\$225.00
Discount for non-insured single payer within first 30 days	- 20%

\*Collection fees will be added to accounts sent to collections

**Emergency Medical Services Base Rate:** The Emergency Medical Service Base Rate (Basic Life Support) covers medical supplies, equipment, procedures, and services associated with pre-hospital medical care and ambulance transportation at the Basic Life Support level.

The Emergency Medical Service Base Rate (Advanced Life Support) covers medical supplies, equipment, procedures, and services associated with pre-hospital medical care and ambulance transportation at the Advanced Life Support level. Services provided at the Advanced Life Support level include but are not limited to all basic life support treatment & equipment plus advanced life support EMS provider assessment, IV therapy, medication administration, advanced airway

management, cardiac monitoring and 12 lead cardiac diagnostics, and other advanced medical & trauma care procedures.

Mileage and other services are billed in addition to the base rate. One base rate is charged for each patient transported. One base rate is charged for a round-trip from the point of patient origin to destination and back to origin. If the wait time during a round trip exceeds 30 minutes, a minimum of one-hour standby time is charged (refer to E. "Standby Fee Schedule.").

**Emergency Aid Response:** An Emergency Aid Response fee is charged when an ambulance responds to a medical incident and provides medical treatment but does not transport the patient. The aid fee is charged when significant medical treatment is provided (12 lead EKG, medication administration, IV therapy, oxygen administration, etc.).

**ALS Rendezvous:** An ALS Rendezvous fee is charged to the requesting agency/company when an outside agency/company requests a KCFD1 ambulance to provide Advanced Life Support care. The fee will be charged only when the KCFD1 paramedic/IEMT boards the requesting agency/company's ambulance and transports the patient on board a non-KCFD1 ambulance. *If the patient is transferred to a KCFD1 ambulance for transport, the ALS Rendezvous fee will not be charged to the requesting agency/company.*

**Extra Attendant:** The Extra Attendant fee is charged when, at the discretion of the lead EMS provider on scene, an extra EMS attendant is required to assist with patient care during transport on board a KCFD1 ambulance.

**Transport Mileage:** The mileage fee is charged for each patient transported. Mileage is based on "loaded miles" from the point of patient origin to destination and is computed to the nearest whole mile. Mileage for round-trip is computed on total round-trip mileage.

**Assessment with refusal or no transport:** There is no fee charged for an ambulance response if the patient refuses transport unless significant medical treatment is provided.

**Care Facility Lift Assist:** The Care Facility Lift Assist fee is charged to licensed care facilities when KCFD1 lifts or assists staff with the lift of a non-injured/well person on the property of a licensed care facility.

**B. Highway Assistance Schedule.** The fees charged by Klamath County Fire District No. 1 for highway assistance at all motor vehicle accidents are billed directly to automobile insurance. Uninsured motorists may receive a bill directly. Initial charges are at a one-hour minimum. All additional charges will be made to the closest one quarter-hour. Highway Assistance fees shall be, and the same are hereby are, fixed in accordance with the following schedule:

Highway Assistance Base Rate	\$250.00
Jaws of Life	\$50.00
Flares	\$25.00
HazMat Absorbent	\$50.00
Aerial Truck	\$150.00 per hour
Engine	\$100.00 per hour
Water Tender	\$70.00 per hour
Command Vehicle	\$35.00 per hour

Firefighter	\$40.00 per hour
Captain	\$45.00 per hour
Fire Investigator	\$45.00 per hour
Battalion Chief	\$50.00 per hour
Division Chief/Fire Chief	\$65.00 per hour

**C. Suppression Billing Schedule.** Fire suppression services are generally funded through tax receipts received from property owners within the jurisdictional boundaries of Klamath County Fire District No. 1. There are three specific situations in which Fire District No. 1 may bill for the cost of suppression services. Initial charges are at a one-hour minimum. All additional charges will be made to the closest one quarter-hour.

1. **State Mobilization:** When the governor declares the Emergency Conflagration Act and enacts the State Mobilization Plan, agencies that send resources outside their district may bill the State in accordance with a fee schedule established in the Mobilization Plan.
2. **Fires in Unprotected area:** If the Fire Chief or designee has been authorized by the Board of Directors to respond and extinguish fires found in unprotected areas and the fire is deemed to cause an undue jeopardy to life or property, the agency may bill the property owner in accordance with procedures established by the State Fire Marshal’s Office.
3. **Incidents involving an airplane crash or on a transportation route where the District receives no other direct tax:** For these situations in which the individuals or property owners pay no taxes, Fire District No. 1 may bill the recipient for the services rendered in accordance with procedures adopted by the State Fire Marshal’s Office.

**D. Fire-Med Fee Schedule.** The fees charged by Klamath County Fire District No. 1 for Fire-Med shall be, and the same are hereby are, fixed in accordance with the following schedule:

Fire-Med Ground Ambulance Membership – one year option	\$58.00
Fire-Med Ground Ambulance Membership – two year option	\$100.00

**E. Standby Fee Schedule.** Klamath County Fire District No. 1 may provide dedicated standby at various events, when personnel are available. Initial charges are at a one-hour minimum. All additional charges will be made to the closest one quarter-hour. The fees charged by Klamath County Fire District No. 1 for various standby activities shall be, and the same are hereby, fixed in accordance with the following schedule:

Ambulance Dedicated Standby	\$175.00 per hour
Fire Engine Dedicated Standby	\$275.00 per hour

**F. Public and Confidential Records Request Fee Schedule.** The fees charged by Klamath County Fire District No. 1 for various Public Records Requests and Confidential Records Requests shall be, and are hereby fixed, in accordance with the following schedule:

**Copies of Public Records; Certified Copies:** Copies of Public Records shall be billed based on personnel time required to complete the request. The fee shall be \$40.00 per hour, or actual

cost of personnel whichever is greater, with a minimum charge for one quarter-hour. Certified copies will include additional costs to cover legal fees associated with providing that record.

Copies of Digital Photographs and Sound Recordings: Copies of digital photographs, sound recordings of meetings, and/or electronic copies of documents shall be billed based on personnel time required to complete the request. The fee shall be \$40.00 per hour, or actual cost of personnel whichever is greater, with a minimum charge of one quarter-hour. An additional charge of \$5.00 per CD/DVD or \$15.00 per Thumb Drive shall be added. This does not include 911 recordings; requests for those recordings need to be made directly to the Klamath County Communications District, as they are the custodian of those records.

Copies of Maps and Other Nonstandard Documents: Charges for copying maps or other nonstandard size documents shall be charged in accordance with the actual costs incurred by District No. 1. In addition, fees for personnel time required to complete the request will be charged. The fee shall be \$40.00 per hour, or actual cost of personnel whichever is greater, with a minimum charge of one quarter-hour.

Research Fees: The fee shall be \$40.00 per hour, or actual cost of personnel whichever is greater, with a minimum charge for one quarter-hour. District No. 1 shall estimate the total amount of time required to respond to the records request, and the person making the request shall make payment for the estimated cost of the research and copying of the records in advance. If the actual time and costs are less than estimated, the excess money shall be refunded to the person requesting the records. If the actual costs and time are in excess of the estimated time, the difference shall be paid by the person requesting the records at the time the records are produced. This Public Records Research Fee schedule shall be posted at the administrative office in public view.

Additional Charges: If a request is of such magnitude and nature that compliance would disrupt District No. 1's normal operation, District No. 1 may impose such additional charges as are necessary to reimburse District No. 1 for the actual costs of producing the records. *Such costs could include copying charges if use of outside copy equipment is required, postage, accounting or legal fees associated with providing that record; cost for the use of apparatus, equipment, or personnel as per the State Mobilization Plan; etc.*

Reduced Fee or Free Copies: Whenever the Board determines that furnishing copies of public records in its possession at a reduced fee, or without costs, would be in the public's interest, the Board may so authorize pursuant to ORS 192.440(4).

**G. Fire Prevention Fee Schedule.** The fees charged by Klamath County Fire District No. 1 for various Fire Prevention activities shall be, and are hereby fixed, in accordance with the following schedule:

Residential and Commercial False Alarm Fee (per response) \$125.00\*

*\*An Alarm User whose alarm signal generates more than two (2) false alarms per calendar year shall be charged a False Alarm Fee. Each false alarm after the first two (2) is a separate offense.*

Unlawful Fire Fee

\$100.00

*Unlawful Fires are considered to be: any burning outside of the allowed burning dates/times, or any burning of prohibited materials. Any individual who ignites or maintains an unlawful fire will receive a warning the first time. Any individual who ignites or maintains an unlawful fire twice will be assessed the unlawful fire fee. Any additional unlawful fires will be assessed on an escalating fee of an additional \$100 per occurrence (3<sup>rd</sup> unlawful fire will result in a fee of \$200, 4<sup>th</sup> unlawful fire will result in a fee of \$300, etc.).*

**Section 2. Existing Contracts.**

Where entities may have an existing contract in place for services that are also addressed in Ordinance 19-01, the existing contract shall supersede any fees listed in Ordinance 19-01.

**Section 3. Collection of Fee.**

Any fees are immediately due and payable within thirty (30) days of invoice. If the invoice is not paid, it shall be subject to Fire District No. 1's regular collection procedures.

**Section 4. Repeal of Previous Ordinances and Resolutions.**

All ordinances and resolutions originally approved prior to the approval of Ordinance 19-01, and in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

**Section 5. Severability Clause.**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Directors of Klamath County Fire District No. 1 hereby declare that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

**Section 6. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.

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Gloria Storey,  
President  
KCFD1 Board of Directors

ATTESTED TO: This 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

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Jennifer McFarlan,  
Recording Secretary