

WYSOX TOWNSHIP
EMERGENCY SERVICES BILLING ORDINANCE
NO. 2012-0 LA

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM TO CHARGE USER FEES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WYSOX VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY.

Whereas, the Emergency Services response activity to incidents on the highways 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 Fire and Rescue Services; and

Whereas, the Fire and Rescue Services have investigated different methods to maintain a high level of quality and emergency service capability throughout times of constantly increasing service demands, where maintaining an effective response by the Fire and Rescue Services decreases the costs of incidents to insurance carriers through timely and effective management of emergency situations, saving lives and reducing property damage; and

Whereas, raising real property taxes to meet the increase in service demands would not be fair to property owners, when a majority of the Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA) involve individuals not owning property or paying taxes in the jurisdiction; and the ability of Fire and Rescue Services to effectively respond decreases the liability of insurance companies by saving lives and minimizing vehicle damage; and

Whereas, the Wysox Volunteer Fire Company desires to implement a fair and equitable procedure by which to collect said MVA fees and shall establish a billing system in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and guidelines;

Now, therefore BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WYSOX:

SECTION I: The Wysox Volunteer Fire Company shall initiate user fees for the delivery of Fire and Rescue Services, personnel, supplies and equipment to the scene of motor vehicle accidents and other incidents on the highways. The rate of user

fees shall be that which is usual, customary and reasonable (UCR), which may include any services, personnel, supplies and equipment and with baselines established by addendum to this document.

SECTION II: The user fee shall be filed with the motor vehicle insurance carrier by the Wysox Volunteer Fire Company or its designated agent, representing an added-on cost of the claim for damages of the vehicles, property and/or injuries. In the event services are required relating to utilities causing safety problems to highway areas, and if the area is deemed unsafe by emergency responders, the same billing process shall apply to said utility, whose equipment related problems cause an emergency services response. The claim's costs shall be filed with the insurance carrier of the owner of a vehicle, property or other responsible party.

SECTION III: The Wysox Volunteer Fire Company may make rules or regulations and from time to time may amend, revoke or add rules and regulations, not consistent with this Section, as they may deem necessary or expedient in respect to billing for these fees or the collection thereof.

SECTION IV: All amounts collected as a result of this Ordinance shall be placed into a fund as established by the Wysox Volunteer Fire Company to be used exclusively for personnel, supplies and equipment of the Wysox Volunteer Fire Company.

SECTION V: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Supervisors of Wysox Township concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in open meetings of this Board of Supervisors of Wysox Township, and that all deliberations of this Board of Supervisors of Wysox Township and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in accordance with all legal requirements and the Codified Ordinances of the Board of Supervisors of Wysox Township.

SECTION VI: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLVED this ____th day of April, 2012.

TOWNSHIP OF WYSOX SUPERVISORS

DATE: 4-4-12

[Signature]
Jon D. Kulick, Chair
SUPERVISOR

DATE: 4/4/12

[Signature]
Gary Foster, SUPERVISOR

DATE: _____

William Shoemaker, SUPERVISOR

I, the undersigned being the Secretary of the TOWNSHIP OF WYSOX, Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Township's Ordinance creating the position of Township Manager duly adopted at a regular and lawful meeting of the Board of Supervisors held this 3th day of April, 2012.

WITNESS my hand this 4th day of April, 2012.

(Seal of the
TOWNSHIP OF WYSOX)

[Signature]
Secretary

