

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 02

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCY CALLS FOR NONCONTRACTING TOWNSHIPS OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE BOUNDARIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Whereas, Section 9.60 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that any firefighting agency may provide fire protection to any governmental entity in this state without a contract to provide fire protection upon the approval of the governing board and upon authorization by an officer or employee of the agency designated by that individual's title, office, or position pursuant to the authorization of the governing board; and

Whereas, that statute further provides that both the firefighting agency and its members continue to enjoy the benefits of the State governmental immunity statute (Chapter 2744), and that members continue to participate in pension funds and the workers compensation system when they proceed outside the Village boundaries acting pursuant to such authorization; and

Whereas, it is deemed to be in the public interest to assure that New London's firefighters are so authorized to proceed when emergency situations outside the Village should arise within a township not under contract with the Village; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LONDON, HURON COUNTY, OHIO, AS FOLLOWS

Section 1. The Mayor or the Chief of the Fire Department are hereby authorized, by verbal order, to provide (but not require) for the response of the New London Fire Department to emergency service calls outside the Village boundaries, even though such response shall be into areas not covered by mutual aid fire protection contracts. The Chief shall adopt appropriate protocols for implementing the response to such calls, including assessment and prioritizing responses. In responding to such service calls, the recipient of the services shall be assessed a standard charge for the services provided, at the following rates:

**I. FOR EACH FIRE CALL**

The Base Hourly Rate per call for the first hour and the Secondary Rate per each ½ hour thereafter computed from the time leaving the Village of New London Fire Station until return thereto.

For purposes of this contract, the initial rates shall be as follows:

Base Hourly Rate	\$920.00
Secondary Rate	\$245.00

Notwithstanding the foregoing, whenever the minimum wage rate legally required under State or Federal law should change, the foregoing Rates shall be increased by the same percentage as the minimum wage rate has changed.

**II.FOR INJURY/ACCIDENT/ SERVICE CALLS.**

The Base Hourly Rate per call for the first hour and the Secondary Rate per each ½ hour thereafter computed from the time leaving the Village of New London Fire Station until return thereto.

For purposes of this contract, the initial rates shall be as follows:

Base Hourly Rate	\$425.00
Secondary Rate	\$182.50

Notwithstanding the foregoing, whenever during the course of this contract the minimum wage rate legally required under State or Federal law should change, the foregoing Rates shall be increased by the same percentage as the minimum wage rate has changed.

### **III. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILL INCIDENT**

The Base Hourly Truck Rate per truck and the Base Hourly Rate for each manhour of work computed from the time leaving the Village of New London Fire Station until return thereto.

The Base Hourly Truck Rate shall be as follows:

2024	\$150.00
2025	\$156.00
2026	\$162.00

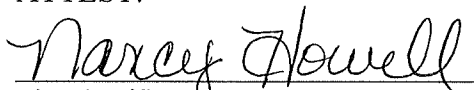
The initial Base Hourly Rate for each manhour shall be \$18.50. Notwithstanding the foregoing, whenever the minimum wage rate legally required under State or Federal law should change, the Base Hourly Rate shall be increased by the same percentage as the minimum wage rate has changed.

Section 2. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Village and for the further reason that it is necessary to make this authorization available at the earliest possible time, and that, provided it receives the majority vote of two-thirds or more of those elected to Council, this Ordinance shall therefore take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, and otherwise it shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: January 22, 2024

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Fiscal Officer