RESOLUTION NO. R25-_____

RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRE SERVICE FEES.

WHEREAS, the Sheldon Fire Department a/k/a Sheldon Volunteer Fire Company provides fire protection service to the citizens of Sheldon, Iowa and surrounding townships; and

WHEREAS, the fees were adjusted on December 15, 2021 (R21-4709), June 21, 2023 (R23-3916) and November 20, 2024 (R24-4053) and are a means of spreading the cost of maintaining a fire department to the users and reducing the burden on taxpayers. The tax revenue is to assist with readiness, and the fees are to assist with the cost of response. This Resolution sets the fees for the response; and

WHEREAS, the Lift Assist fee has been determined to not be changed at this time, and will continue to be a minimum of $125, and is based on the level of response required.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sheldon, Iowa hereby approves the following Fire Service Fees to be applied on responses to events within and outside of City Limits, effective January 1, 2026. These shall remain in effect until amended or replaced. The schedule entitled: 2026 Annual Hazardous Materials Response Fee Structure.

The Fire Chief or designee shall have the authority to resolve disputes regarding this billing and to exercise reasonable discretion with settling invoices. Such settlements or deviations shall be documented and provided to the City Clerk.

All responses, including non-hazardous response calls, will be billed per the Iowa Annual Hazardous Materials Response Fee Structure with the following minimums:

Burn Permit:	No charge. City Council approval required.
Comm/Indust. Structure Fire:	See Exhibit A**, minimum of one hour.
Confined Space Rescue	See Exhibit A**, minimum of one hour.
Field Fires:	See Exhibit A**, minimum of one hour..
Grass Fire:	See Exhibit A**, minimum of one hour.
Hazmat response:	See Exhibit A**, minimum of one hour.
Lift Assist:	Minimum $125*.
Planned Property burn:	Minimum $1,650.
Rescue calls & extrication:	See Exhibit A**, minimum of one hour.
Structure Fire:	See Exhibit A**, minimum of one hour.
Vehicle Fire:	See Exhibit A**, minimum of one hour.
Repeat false alarms:	Fire Chief discretion, up to $500.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ___ day of _____, 2025.

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Greg Geels, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Angela Beckman, City Clerk

*Lift Assist has typically been a flat fee, regardless of resources used. As of December 15, 2021, the charge is a minimum of $125, and is based on level of response required. This fee minimum of $125 is not increasing at this time.

**Exhibit A: 2025 Iowa Fire Service Annual Hazardous Materials Response Fee Structure.

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Annual Hazardous Materials Response Fee Structure

Calendar Year 2026

Category	**Examples**	**Hourly Cost***
Heavy Response Apparatus with 4 personnel	Engine, ladder, heavy rescue, etc.	$387.23
Light Response Apparatus with 2 personnel	Tanker, brush truck, ambulance, staff car, etc.	$308.61
Extra Response Personnel		$29.85
Expended Materials	Foam, containment booms, sand, absorbent, etc.	Replacement cost, including shipping.
Equipment Repair and/or Cleaning	Personal protective equipment, hose, nozzles; apparatus, etc.	Cost (parts plus labor), including shipping.
Damaged Equipment and/or Property	May include injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources, etc.	Replacement and/or repair cost, including shipping.
Other	Contracted services, contracted equipment, evacuation of people, etc.	Billed as used.

*Minimum of one hour. Billed in 15-minutes increments beyond the first hour.

This fee structure will typically be updated in January of each year according to the CPI-U, US City Average, All Items, 12-month percentage change for the period ending in October of the preceding year. (Reference: http://www.bls.gov/cpi/)

References:

- Hazardous Materials Response Billing Protocol for Iowa Fire Departments, Authored by Iowa Firemen's Association and the Iowa Hazardous Materials Taskforce, December 2002.
- Iowa Code 455B.392.

Supporting Fire Service Organizations:

Iowa Firefighter's Association.
Iowa Fire Chief's Association.
Iowa Association of Professional Fire Chiefs.
Iowa Hazardous Materials Task Force.