ENUMCLAW FIRE DEPARTMENT
KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2023.01

A RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #28 AUTHORIZING THE RECOVERY OF COSTS INCURRED FOR NON EMERGENT 911 CALLS.

Whereas King County Fire Protection District #28 adopted Resolution 2015.07 to mitigate the impacts of nonemergent call responses to Assisted Living Facilities that should have been managed by on site staff in accordance withs Department of Social and Health Services regulations; and

Whereas, the authority established under Resolution No. 2015.07 has not mitigated the problem and the District continues to experience increasing call volumes for non-emergent Responses to a variety of facilities and the Board has determined that it is necessary to update Resolution 20215.07

Whereas, King County Fire District #28 continues to experience unacceptable levels of 911 calls to Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities, Enhanced Care Facilities and Adult family homes (collectively referred to as "Facility" or "Facilities" that are non-emergent Responses, and

Whereas, the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services has established rules designed to limit the above facilities from using the 911 system to address non emergent calls "Non-Emergent Facility Responses" as outlined in a May 27, 2022 Memorandum attached as Exhibit "DSHS Rules"; and

Whereas, units responding to a Non-Emergent Facility response removes that unit from its availability for emergent responses, and

Whereas, Non-Emergent Facility Responses result in a significant cost being born by the District, and

Whereas, many Non-Emergent Facility Responses would be eliminated if the Facilities complied with the DSHS Rules, and

Whereas, use of District resources for Non-Emergent Facility Responses shifts financial burdens from the Facilities to the District, and

Whereas, the District has determined that in order to address the financial burden resulting from the Non-Emergent Facility Responses it is necessary to establish a graduated fee scale for such responses under the authority of RCW 52.12.131

Now, therefore, King County Fire District #28, Board of Commissioners do hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1: The Board of Commissioners hereby establishes a policy and fee schedule for Non-Emergent Facility Responses as set forth in Exhibit B.

Section 2. The Fire Chief shall have the authority to adjust the approved fee schedule from time to time without further authorization of the Board.

Section 3. The Fire Chief or designee shall notify affected Facilities of the new fee schedule and the reasons for the fee schedule prior to implementing the fees.

Section 3. The Fire Chief, or designee is authorized to bill and collect for such charges and to follow the District's debt collection procedure as necessary.

Section 4: If any provision of this Resolution is determined to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions of this Resolution shall remain in force and effect.

DONE IN OPEN AND REGULAR SESSION this 17 day of May, 2023.

Amy Trachte, Commissioner

Angie Stubblefield
Angie Stubblefield (Aug 1, 2023 11:57 PDT)
Angela Stubblefield, Commissioner

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Attested:

Laura Buckley, Acting Board Secretary

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