

ORDINANCE NO. 4044

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING
A PROGRAM TO CHARGE MITIGATION RATES FOR THE
DEPLOYMENT OF EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES
BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED/
RENDERED BY/FOR THE BARNESVILLE VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the emergency and non-emergency services response activity to incidents 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 the fire department services; and

WHEREAS, the fire department has investigated different methods to maintain a high level of quality of emergency and non-emergency service capability throughout times of constantly increasing service demands, where maintaining an effective response by the fire department decreases the costs of incidents to insurance carriers, businesses, and individuals through timely and effective management of emergency situations, saving lives and reducing property and environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, raising real property tax to meet the increase in service demands would not be fair when the responsible party(s) should be held accountable for their actions; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Barnesville desires to implement a fair and equitable procedure by which to collect said mitigation rate and shall establish a billing system in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and guidelines.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Council of the Village of Barnesville that:

Section 1: The Barnesville Volunteer Fire Department shall initiate mitigation rates for the delivery of emergency and non-emergency services by the fire department for personnel, supplies, and equipment to the scene of emergency and non-emergency incidents as listed in "EXHIBIT A." The mitigation rates shall be based on actual costs of the services and that which is usual, customary and reasonable (UCR) as shown in "EXHIBIT A," which may include any services, personnel, supplies, and equipment and with baselines established by addendum to this document.

Section 2: A claim shall be filed to the responsible party(s) through their insurance carrier. In some circumstances, the responsible party(s) will be billed directly.

Section 3: The Village Council 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 mitigation rates or the collection thereof.


Section 4: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in open meetings of the Village Council, and that all deliberations of this Village Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in accordance with all legal requirements, and the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Barnesville.

Section 5: The Mitigation Rates lists in Exhibit A will increase annually based on the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as developed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. Rate adjustments will occur on the anniversary date of this Ordinance to keep the fire department's cost recovery program in conformity with increasing operating expenses.

Section 6: This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the residents of the Village of Barnesville.

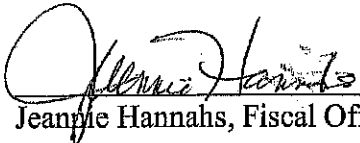
PASSED at a regular meeting of Council of the Village of Barnesville, held this 6 day of April, 2026, by a vote of a majority of the members of Council.

*1st Reading Only - March 23, 2026
Passed April 6, 2026*



Jake Hershberger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer