

ORDINANCE No. 2018-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM TO CHARGE MITIGATION RATES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES BY FOR THE LEON VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FIRE RECOVERY USA, LLC FOR BILLING AND COLLECTION SERVICES.

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 Leon Valley Fire Department (“LVFD”) services; and

WHEREAS, the LVFD 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 LVFD 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, it is necessary to implement a fair and equitable procedure by which to collect said mitigation rates and establish a billing system in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and guidelines; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate said collection, it is necessary to enter into an agreement with Fire Recovery USA, LLC for billing and collection services;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of City Council to authorize the establishment and implementation of a program to charge mitigation rates for the deployment of emergency and non-emergency services by the Leon Valley Fire Department, and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Fire Recovery USA, LLC for billing and collection services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY:

SECTION 1. The establishment and implementation of a program to charge mitigation

rates for the deployment of emergency and non-emergency services by the Leon Valley Fire Department is hereby authorized.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement with Fire Recovery USA, LLC for billing and collection services. Said agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment I in substantially final form.

SECTION 3. This ordinance is effective immediately upon passage by four (4) affirmative votes; otherwise it is effective on the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Leon Valley this the 6th day of February 2018.

APPROVED



CHRIS RILEY
MAYOR

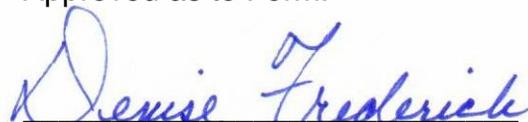


Attest:



SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
City Secretary

Approved as to Form:



DENISE FREDERICK
City Attorney