

CITY OF EAST CAMDEN

Ordinance No. 19-01

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES; DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of East Camden has a volunteer fire department;

WHEREAS, the City wants to reimburse the volunteers for the reasonable expense of responding to callouts and attending meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the East Camden City Council that:

SECTION 1. Volunteer fire fighters, including EMR personnel, shall receive a reimbursement of Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each duly called fire department meeting they attend.

SECTION 2. Volunteer EMR personnel shall receive a reimbursement of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for each fire or incident to which they respond and actively participate.

SECTION 3. Volunteer fire fighters shall receive a reimbursement of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for each fire or incident to which they respond and actively participate.

SECTION 4. If the initial callout is cancelled (code 10-22 disregard), fire fighters and EMR personnel may still be reimbursed Ten Dollars (\$10.00), provided they appear at the fire station and sign in.

SECTION 5. The Fire Chief shall implement a policy to verify each individual's attendance at any of the activities or callouts. The form attached hereto may be used to record an individual's participation. The completed form shall be submitted by the Fire Chief to the City Recorder by the fifteenth (15th) of the following month.

SECTION 6. Nothing herein shall be construed to as providing pay or compensation to the individuals. The City is reimbursing the individuals for the reasonable expenses associated with responding to a callout pursuant to DFA Rule GR 31.1. The individuals are receiving a nominal fee on a "per call basis" pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act. This reimbursement shall not create any additional contractual rights of any nature.

SECTION 7. The City finds it is imperative to reimburse volunteers for the reasonable expense of responding to callouts and attending meetings. The continual improvement of the East Camden Volunteer Department is critical to the development of the City of East Camden. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and that in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval.

PASSED this 28th day of March, 2019.

Angie McAdoo

Angie McAdoo, Mayor

Amanda Harcrow

Amanda Harcrow, City Recorder

