

**TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE #23-2026**

**Ordinance of the Township of Wantage, in the County Of Sussex, State of New Jersey,
Amending Chapter 2, Section 2-8.11.4 Fees the Township Code,
Adjusting the Fees the Wantage Township Volunteer Fire Department
is Permitted to Charge When Responding to Certain Emergencies**

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Wantage Township Volunteer Fire Department responds to motor vehicle accidents and other incidents involving hazardous substances; and

WHEREAS, such response requires providing fire and rescue services by members of the Wantage Township Volunteer Fire Department, including, providing supplies, materials and other types of response expenses which are not otherwise recoverable by the Wantage Township Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing supplies, materials and other response expenses are increasing while the revenues of the Wantage Township Volunteer Fire Department are not increasing at the same rate; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Wantage adopted Ordinance 2025-10 establishing a Fee Schedule to recover time and costs incurred to provide the services for responding to these events; and

WHEREAS, the Wantage Fire Department has recommended that the Fee Schedule be adjusted; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Wantage have determined to amend the fees charged to the owners and operators of vehicles involved in motor vehicle incidents and in other incidents involving hazardous waste within the municipal boundaries of the Township of Wantage as recommended by the Wantage Township Volunteer Fire Department to continue to provide such vital and necessary services to the public.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Township of Wantage Committee, in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION ONE. Chapter 2, Section 2-8.11.4 Fees of the General Ordinances of the Township of Wantage are amended to replace the schedule set forth in Section 2-8.114A with the following schedule:

A. The cost for services, equipment and consumable item used by the Fire Department and to repair and/or replace equipment that was damaged or destroyed in responding to such automotive and hazardous substances, incidents and accidents shall be:

§ 2-8.11.4 Fees.

The Township of Wantage hereby authorizes the Volunteer Fire Department to seek reimbursement for the cost of emergency response services as provided below. This fee schedule shall be published on the website maintained by the Township of Wantage and available upon request from the Municipal Clerk.

Labor Items	
Title	Price (per hour)
Chief	\$50 (incident command)
Deputy Chief	\$45
Fire Police	\$25
Firefighter	\$30

Equipment Items		
Apparatus	Unit ID	Cost (per hour)
62 Engine	62 Engine	\$400
64 Engine	64 Engine	\$400
62 Squad	62 Squad	\$500
64 Squad	64 Squad	\$500
62 Tanker	62 Tanker	\$400
64 Tanker 6	64 Tanker 6	\$300
64 Tanker 7	64 Tanker 7	\$200
Chief command vehicle	Command	\$300
Mutual Aid Department	Mutual Aid	\$125
Mutual aid engine	Engine	\$400
Mutual aid rescue	Rescue	\$750
Mutual aid tanker	Tanker	\$300
Mutual aid ladder	Ladder	\$1,000
Traffic control support vehicle	Fire Police	\$75
Truck-mounted generator	Generator	\$150
Hydraulic RAM	Jaws Ram	\$125
Hydraulic spreader	Jaws Spreader	\$125
Hydraulic Cutter	Jaws Cutter	\$125
K-12 Saw	Demo Saw	\$25
Chain Saw	Chain Saw	\$25
Portable generator with light	Portable Generator	\$50
Reciprocating saw	Sawzall	\$25
62 UTV and trailer	62 UTV	\$200
Backpack blower	Blower	\$50
Battery operated hand tools	Misc. Battery Hand Tools	\$30

Consumable Items			
Product Name	SKU	Unit	Amount
10-by-10 tarp		Each	\$ 25.00
Absorbent spill pads		Each	\$ 7.00
Absorbent spill brooms		Each	\$ 130.00
AED pads	AED	Pair	\$ 125.00
Case, bottled water	H2O	Each	\$ 8.00
Caution tape (per foot)	Tape	Other	\$ 2.00
Decon spray	Decon	Other	\$ 50.00
Extrication gloves	PPE	Pair	\$ 75.00
Fire extinguisher		Each	\$ 50.00
Flares		Each	\$ 3.00
Foam wet water		5 Gallon	\$ 130.00
Garbage bag	Garbage/Debris	Each	\$ 2.00
Glass-Master blade	Glass	Each	\$ 25.00
K-12 cutting blade	Cut	Each	\$ 100.00
Kenwood NX-1200 two-way radio	Radio	Each	\$ 800.00
Miscellaneous EMS supplies	Misc	Other	\$ 20.00
Unication G1 Pager	Pager	Each	\$ 500.00
Nitrile/latex gloves	Gloves	Pair	\$ 1.00
PPE boots	Boots	Pair	\$ 500.00
PPE extrication gloves	Extrication Gloves	Pair	\$ 75.00
PPE fire gloves	Structural Gloves	Pair	\$ 160.00
PPE helmet	Structural Helmet	Each	\$ 600.00
PPE jacket	Structural Jacket	Each	\$2,800.00
PPE pants	Structural Pants	Each	\$2,600.00
PPE SCBA	SCBA	Each	\$8,400.00
PPE SCBA cylinder	Cylinder	Each	\$1,400.00
PPE SCBA mask	Mask	Each	\$ 450.00
PPU portable	PPU	Each	\$ 100.00
Preparedness fee	Prep	Each	\$ 300.00
Rescue-certified rope	Rescue Rope	Each	\$ 530.00
Road brooms		Each	\$ 44.00
Road shovel		Each	\$ 40.00
Sawmill blades	Sawzall	Each	\$ 15.00
Speedy Dry (40 pounds)		Each	\$ 25.00
Traffic cone	Cone	Each	\$ 39.00
Utility rope	Rope	Each	\$ 20.00
Wood cribbing	Cribbing	Each	\$ 15.00

The fee schedule may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Township Committee upon recommendation of the Volunteer Fire Department.

1. Interest and administration fees. In addition to the aforementioned fees and costs, the Department is hereby authorized to collect reasonable interest and administration fees for the collection of the fees and costs due and owing from the insurance companies or responsible parties for the services rendered and/or materials provided.
2. Report to Township Committee. The Department shall provide not less than annually a report to the Township Committee detailing all billing and receipts under this subsection.
3. Time limit for reimbursement. Any person(s) responsible for any vehicle fire, discharge of hazardous materials, structure fire, or other incident as defined in this subsection shall reimburse the Department pursuant to the schedule of fees hereunder or provide proof that it has submitted a claim to its insurance carrier for payment within 45 days after receipt of a statement from the Department outlining said costs and expenses. These provisions shall be subject to the following:
 - a. Persons receiving services from the Department shall cooperate with the Department or other billing personnel hired by the Department to secure full payment for services rendered from any necessary insurance carrier.
 - b. Due to anticipated time requirements for the preparation and processing of insurance claims, parties that have provided proof of a claim to their insurance carrier shall not be charged interest or be subject to penalties hereunder.
 - c. Responsible persons under this subsection shall ensure that the Department is authorized to receive any payments from an insurance carrier as required by this subsection.
 - d. The Department reserves the right to determine that a bill is uncollectible by reason of unavailability of insurance coverage and be written off.

Justin VanderGroef, Mayor, Township of Wantage

ATTEST:

Melissa Morales, Municipal Clerk, Township of Wantage

NOTICE is hereby given that the above ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, held on the 24th day of September, 2026. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Mayor and Committee to be held in the Municipal Building, 888 Route 23 South, in the Township of Wantage, on October 8th, 2026 at 7:00 P.M., and during the preceding week copies of the ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office in the Municipal Building to members of the general public.

Melissa Morales, Municipal Clerk