

Ordinance 2023- 274

Public Safety Dues for the Town of Coosada Police Jurisdiction (PJ)

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF COOSADA,
ALABAMA**

PUBLIC SAFETY DUES

POLICE JURISDICTION – GENERAL AUTHORITY

Fire protection personnel and equipment of the Town are hereby authorized for the purpose of fighting fires, administering emergency medical services and police enforcement in that part of the Town's police jurisdiction which is not within the service area of a fire district or other municipality as set forth in this article. Automatic aid agreements entered into by the town will not be affected by this section.

State law reference(s) – Police Jurisdiction, Code of Ala. 1975, § 11-40-10.

SAME-DUES; requirements; payments

Persons, firms or corporations that own residential property (including, but not limited to, a dwelling of any type as defined in article IV of the city's zoning code, particularly multiple dwellings, single family dwellings and two-family dwellings) located in the city's police jurisdiction which meet all requirements set forth in this section are hereby authorized to utilize the aforesaid services of the town upon:

1. The payment of the annual dues for public safety services in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) per year per residential address located on such property (or such other amount as otherwise provided herein); and
2. The completion of all paperwork required by the Town.

Public Safety dues for persons, firms or corporations that own business property located in the city's police jurisdiction which meet the requirements set forth in this section are authorized to utilize the aforesaid of the Town upon:

1. Payment of the dues for public safety services in the amount of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) per year per business address located on such property (or such other amount as otherwise provided herein); and
2. The completion of all paperwork required by the Town.

Public Safety Service dues for the gas plants that own property located in the Town's police jurisdiction which meet the requirements set forth in this section are authorized to utilize the aforesaid of the Town upon:

1. Payment of the dues in the amount of ten thousand dollars per year per gas plant address located on such property (or such other amount as otherwise provided herein); and
2. The completion of all paperwork required by the Town.

Public Safety Service dues for Airports that own property in the Town's police jurisdiction which meet the requirements set forth in this section are authorized to utilize the aforesaid of the Town upon:

1. Payment of the dues in the amount of five thousand dollars per year per address located on such property (or such other amount as otherwise provided herein); and
2. The completion of all paperwork required by the Town.

Public Safety Service dues for Vacant Property/Land in the Town's police jurisdiction which meets the requirements set forth in this section are authorized by to utilize the aforesaid of the town upon:

1. Payment of the dues in the amount of sixty-eight dollars and eighty-two cents (\$68.82) per year per address for vacant property/land less than 100 acres.
2. Payment of dues in the amount of sixty-five cents (.65) per acre with a maximum of \$1,351.52, per year per address for vacant property/land over 100 acres.
3. The completion of all paperwork required by the town.

Public Safety Service for Hazmat Level 1-3 in the Town's police jurisdiction which meets the requirements set forth in this section are authorized to utilize aforesaid of the Town upon:

1. Payment of the dues in the amount of seven hundred and eighty-four dollars (\$784.00) pr address for Level 1 Hazmat properties.
2. Payment of dues in the amount two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$2,800.00) per address for Level 2 Hazmat properties.
3. Payment of dues in the amount of six thousand six hundred and eight dollars (\$6,608.00) per address for Level 3 Hazmat properties.
4. The completion of all paperwork required by the Town.

To be eligible to receive public safety services from the town, a property owner must satisfy each of the following four (4) requirements for each property for which it is seeking fire services from the Town and must provide certification of such compliance in writing to the Town at the time of payment of the fee set forth hereinabove:

1. The property must be located within the city's police jurisdiction;
2. The property is not located within the service area of a fire district;
3. The property must possess clear ingress and egress by at least a twelve (12) foot wide access road to any residential/business building structure on the property; and
4. The property address must be prominently displayed at the public roadway entrance to the property, whether on a mailbox or otherwise using reflective lettering that are a minimum of two (2) inches in

At the beginning of each calendar year, the annual fees set forth in this section () will be amended to reflect any increase in the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers—South Urban Region". The most recent index (at the time of the calculation of annual fees by the Town for the upcoming year) will be the base for any amendments to the annual fees set forth herein.

All payments required by this article shall be fee and payable on or before the 31st day of January of each year. In the event that the annual payment is not made within the prescribed time period, then the town shall notify property owners insurance provider and other company of said contract that dues for Public Safety Services have not been paid.

Notification authorized.

The Public Safety Department or its designee is hereby authorized to notify those persons owning property within that part of the city's police jurisdiction which is not within the service area of a fire district or other municipality of the terms set forth in sections 7-1 and 7-2.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 12th day of September, at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Coosada, Alabama.

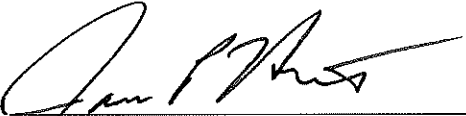
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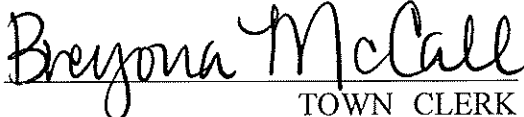
This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

Adopted this 1st day of February, 2024

APPROVED:


Mayor Jim Houston

AUTHENTICATED:


TOWN CLERK

FIRE DUES INFORMATION AND DUES

Town of Coosada provides free fire protection and emergency medical services for all our residents within the City Limits; therefore, a fire contract would not be required. If your property is contiguous to the Town Limits of the Town of Coosada, you are eligible for annexation. For additional information regarding how to annex your property please contact Town Hall at 334-314-0198.

IMPORTANT (please read)

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CONTRACT AND THE TOWN OF COOSADA FIRE AND RESCUE RESPONDS TO A 911 CALL AT YOUR LOCATION, YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR EACH RESPONSES THAT COULD EXCEED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).

Ala. Code §11-43-141 & 142, allows firemen to respond beyond its corporate limits to render aid to areas contracted for fire protection, however, if a contract has not been executed, they are NOT required to do so.

FIRE RATES

CONTRACT RATES

- Residential Dwellings - \$350.00 per year
- Commercial (firms or corporations) – \$750.00 per year
- Gas Plants –\$10,000.00 per year
- Airports - \$5,000.00 per year
- Vacant Property/Land
 - Vacant Property Less than 100 Acres : \$68.82 per acre
 - Vacant Property over 100 Acres - .65 per acre with a maximum of \$1,351.52

HAZMAT

- Level 1 – \$784
- Level 2 - \$2,800.00
- Level 3- \$6,608.00

DUE DATE – Fire contracts are billed each October and are due by January 1.

The Contract terms is January – December. Rates are not prorated.

PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE:

Mail – Town of Coosada, 5800 Coosada Rd, Coosada, AL 36020

In Person- Town of Coosada City Hall – 5800 Coosada Road, Coosada, Al 36020

FIRE DUES FAQ

WHY DO I HAVE TO PAY FIRE DUES?

Fire districts are allowed to charge mandatory fire dues, Coosada Fire Department District was established in 1998 to levy and collect service charges or fees as provided in Act No. 86-656 of the regular session of the 1986 Legislature Session.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T PAY FIRE DUES?

Delinquent accounts are turned over to our attorney for collections including a lien on your property.

WHAT IF I JUST CAN'T PAY

If you can not pay, please contact Breyonna R. McCall-Richardson at coosada@emore.rr.com to let us know. We can find a way to work with you.

WHAT ARE FIRE DUES USED FOR?

Fire Dues cover everything from the trucks to fuel the hoses, dispatch services and everything in between.

WHAT ARE CURRENT FIRE DUE RATES?

Please see attached Fire Information and Dues