

**PLIOCENE RIDGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO# 1**

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR SERVICES
PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PLIOCENE RIDGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section #13910: whenever the District Board determines that the amount of revenue available to the District or any of its zones is inadequate to meet the costs of providing services pursuant to Section 13862, the Board may raise revenue pursuant to this chapter or any other provision of law to recover those costs.

SECTION 1. FEES ESTABLISHED

A schedule of fees is hereby established and shall be charged for services provided by Pliocene Ridge Community Services District as follows: **All Emergency Responses shall be billed at the same rates as established by the annual Office of Emergency Services Salary Survey which is updated each year in July.**

Emergency Medical/Accident Calls—\$750.00 (per person)
(does not include ambulance)
Search and Rescue Calls—\$750.00 (per person)
Standby Service—\$100.00 per hour

Pursuant to the authority contained in Health and Safety Code Section 13919, the fees established above shall be waived for all residents and/or property owners within the District.

SECTION 2. RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

The responsible party shall be charged for the services provided by the District in accordance with the above schedule of fees. As used herein, “responsible party” shall, for calls relating to fire standby service, mean the owner of the real property involved. As to emergency medical or rescue calls, and calls involving the use of the Jaws of Life, “responsible party” shall mean the person or persons who were the focus of the call. In the event that more than one person is the subject of the call, each person shall be separately billed for the Districts services in accordance with the above schedule of fees.

SECTION 3. BILLING AND COLLECTION OF FEES

The fire chief shall ensure that procedures are in place to provide a copy of the trip ticket and a full and complete log of all calls for emergency and standby services which the District responds to, by dispatching equipment and/or personnel. The ticket shall include a list of equipment responding to the call.

PRCSD ORDINANCE #1 Proposed rate change presented 2/16/2023 and 3/16/2023 Additions **highlighted yellow** deletions ~~crossed out~~.

The District Secretary, Treasurer, or other designee of the District, shall cause a bill for the services provided by the District to be issued and mailed to the responsible party or parties. The bills shall clearly state the date and nature of the call out by the District and shall include a list of responding equipment for which a fee is being charged. The bills shall also show the date of the billing and shall also state the bill is due and payable within 60 days from the date of the billing. In the event that any bill is not paid within the allotted 60 day period, a notice of non-payment shall be issued and mailed to the responsible party showing the unpaid balance together with the late penalty and interest in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. LATE PENALTIES.

A late penalty is hereby establish in an amount of \$50.00 and additional interest, at the rate of one and one-half percent (1½ %) per month, shall be assessed on the amount due. This interest shall be imposed on all bills that are not paid in full within 60 days from the day of billing.

SECTION 5. DEPOSIT OF FEES.

All fees received by the District for services in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance shall be deposited in the District's Account and maintained by the District or by the District's Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of Health and Safety Code Section 13854.

SECTION 6. COLLECTION AND UNPAID FEES.

Whenever charges have been billed and remain unpaid, in whole or in part, for more than 180 days from the date of the initial bill, the District Secretary, Treasurer, or other District designee, shall report the fact of the outstanding delinquency to the District Board at any regular or special meeting. At that meeting, the District Board shall direct the appropriate collection procedures or legal action (typically in small claims court) for the recovery of funds. However, the Board may order that all or any portion of the bill be determined to be uncollectible under the following circumstances:

1. The responsible party cannot be located following reasonable efforts by the District, or
2. The District has reason to believe that the responsible party does not have assets to pay the obligation to the District, and
3. The District has determined that the responsible party was not insured for the charges levied by the District.

Whenever the District Board determined that a bill is uncollectible, it shall enter an order to that effect into its minutes, stating that the basis for the determination and shall thereafter have no obligation to pursue collection of the bill unless new information is obtained indicating that the responsible person(s) may then have funds or assets to satisfy their obligation to the District.

SECTION 7. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance was originally adopted on March 17, 2016. The revised rates shall take effect sixty (60) days after board passage. Before the expiration of said sixty (60) days after passage, it shall be published once with the names of the members of the Board of Director voting for and against the ordinance in the Mountain Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Sierra, State of California.

Revision to rates (with no other changes) introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 16th of February 2023 and March 16, 2023 and passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of Pliocene Ridge Community Services District, on the 16th day of March, 2023, by the following roll call vote, to-wit:

Ayes:

Nayes:

Absent:

Pliocene Ridge Community Services District

Lawrence Allen, President

Attest:

Rae Bell Arbogast, Secretary