

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, HARRISON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, THAT ARTICLE 1519.01(a) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY BE, AND THE SAME IS HEREBY AMENDED, ENACTED, AND REENACTED TO AMEND SECTION 1519.01(a) AND TO ADD SECTIONS 1519.04(A) AND 1519.06(A) AND BY ADDING A NEW SECTION DESIGNATED SECTION 1519.11 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

1519.01. LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE; MAINTENANCE

(a) Fire protection service shall be continued, maintained and improved by the City, in part, at the charge and expense of the owners of buildings and structures of every kind and nature located within the Fire Service District (First Due Area) of the Bridgeport City Fire Department as designated by the West Virginia State Fire Commission and West Virginia State Fire Marshall, which owners are declared to be users and beneficiaries of fire services as contemplated by West Virginia Code 8-13-13. Fire services shall be provided by Bridgeport City Fire Department as hereinafter defined within the geographic area established by the West Virginia State Fire Commission as the First Due Area of the Bridgeport City Fire Department.

1519.04(A) RATES AND CHARGES FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY BUT WITHIN THE CITY'S FIRST DUE AREA

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| (a) | Owner single family residential unit of any size | \$150.00 per year or \$37.50 per quarter |
| (b) | Owner of any residential unit with one or more detached structures exceeding 1000 square feet | an additional \$75.00 or \$18.75 per quarter |
| (c) | Owner – nonresidential unit Structure | \$.0675 per square foot |

1519.11 RESTRICTED USE OF REVENUES – FUTURE RATES AND CHARGES

All revenues received from the collection of fire protection fees provided in this Ordinance shall be used only to defray the cost of and the continuance, maintenance, and improvement of fire protection services within the First Due Area of the Bridgeport City Fire Department as designated by the West Virginia Fire Commission and the West Virginia State Fire Marshall and no part of such revenues shall be used for any other municipal purpose. Any future adjustment of the rates and charges imposed by this Article shall be determined by applying the same percentage adjustment equally to all rates and changes imposed by this Article.

Adopted by the governing body of the City of Bridgeport on third and final reading the 11th day of JULY, 2011. Effective upon passage.

Maris D. Blot
Recorder

[Signature]
Mayor

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, ENACTING, AND REENACTING
ARTICLE 1519 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF
BRIDGEPORT, HARRISON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BY AMENDING
SECTION 1519.01(a) ENTITLED LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE AND
MAINTENANCE TO PROVIDE THAT THE BRIDGEPORT FIRE
DEPARTMENT SHALL RESPOND TO ANY FIRE INCIDENT WITHIN
ITS FIRST DUE AREA AS DESIGNATED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA
STATE FIRE COMMISSION AND WEST VIRGINIA STATE FIRE
MARSHALL; BY ADDING A NEW SECTION DESIGNATED SECTION
1519.04(A) PROVIDING RATES AND CHARGES FOR FIRE FEES FOR
PROPERTIES LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF
THE CITY BUT WITHIN THE CITY'S FIRST DUE AREA; BY ADDING A
NEW SECTION DESIGNATED SECTION 1519.11 RESTRICTING THE
USE OF REVENUE FROM FIRE FEES; FUTURE RATES AND
CHARGES**

WHEREAS, the Bridgeport City Fire Department provides fire protection services with its First Due Area as designated by the West Virginia Fire Commission, which area includes areas both inside and outside of the municipal corporate limits of the City of Bridgeport; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport currently collects fire service fees within its corporate limits which generates revenue which provides approximately 22% of the funding for the Bridgeport City Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 55% of the funding necessary to support the Bridgeport City Fire Department is provided by general tax revenue collected within the corporate limits of the City of Bridgeport; and,

WHEREAS, users and beneficiaries of the services provided by the Bridgeport City Fire Department outside of the corporate limits pay no fire fee or municipal taxes and therefore provide no funding for the Bridgeport City Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Bridgeport has determined that in order to fairly equalize and apportion the cost of providing fire protection services, it is necessary, pursuant to West Virginia Code 8-13-13, to assess a fire fee outside of the corporate limits but within its First Due Area upon the users and beneficiaries of the fire service provided by the Bridgeport City Fire Department in order to provide revenue to fund a portion of the cost necessary to provide fire protection services to said users and beneficiaries, and provide that future adjustments be by the same percentage applied to all rates and charges imposed by this Article;