

CITY OF CORTLAND, NEW YORK
LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF THE YEAR 2021
Filed with the NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON _____ 2021
FIRE DEPARTMENT COST RECOVERY PROGRAM

Section 1. Enactment and Title.

The City does hereby create Chapter 245 of the City of Cortland Code.

Section 2. Authorization, Purpose and Intent.

The City has determined, as a result of the cost to its fire department, a cost recovery program is necessary

Section 3. Findings.

A new section of the Code will be created and shall read as follows:

Whereas, the City of Cortland Fire Department supplies certain emergency services to its residents and visitors of the City and other individuals; and

Whereas, the City desires to be reimbursed, to the extent legally permissible, by the individuals utilizing these emergency services; and

Whereas, the City has now established a cost recovery program; Now, therefore be it

Resolved, the City of Cortland Code shall be amended to add a new section to Chapter 245 a new article entitled Cost Recovery Program and a new section as follows:

Section 245 Fire Department Fees

A) The City of Cortland shall have a Fire Department Cost Recovery Program.

The following fee schedule shall apply to the Fire Department Cost Recovery Program:

B)

LEVEL 1: \$150

1- FD response to (minor) MVC incidents where any of the following services are necessary:

- Minor spill control.
- Fire hazard precautions.
- Scene safety.
- Battery disconnects.
- Debris cleanup (when towing agency is unable to provide - see Page 3 "Towing Agency").

- Accidents in which persons/victims involved may have been assessed but opted to sign a medical treatment waiver denying medical treatment and/or transport.

LEVEL 2: \$375

2- FD response to (major) MVC incidents where any of the following services are necessary:

- Significant spills resulting from tank leaks.
- Major fire hazard precautions.
- Vehicle stabilization procedures.
- Vehicle disentanglement.
- Multiple personnel response.

LEVEL 3: \$400

3- “Light Rescue” Services:

- General patient handling.
 - Immobilization, treatment & removal from vehicle (w/o the need for hydraulic or other power tools).
 - EMS treatment provided to patients struck by another vehicle.

LEVEL 4: \$600

4- “Heavy Rescue” Services:

- Patient extrication procedures requiring the use of hydraulic, pneumatic or electric power tools.
- Multiple patient removal and/or treatment that requires extended on-scene time and extra personnel.

LEVEL 5: \$1000

5 - “Hazardous Material Control/Standby” Services:

(Incidents involving commercial trucks, vans and motor-carriers)

- Large amounts of spilled or released product.
- Requires extra personnel and equipment response for extended period of time.

If a DEC number is issued for a spill the responsible party will be billed direct (not the auto insurance) for all actual costs including costs to other departments and agencies. In this situation, if there is a need for other type of services then the auto insurance may be billed also.

LEVEL 6: \$150

- Motor Vehicle Fire Response:
 - Automobile Fires
 - Heavy Equipment Fires

LEVEL 7: \$

- Destroyed or Contaminated Equipment –
 - The full cost of replacement of any and all equipment that is destroyed or contaminated at the scene of a response or rescue is to be charged.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the New York Secretary of State in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law.

I hereby certify that the Local Law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No. 6 of 2021 of the City of Cortland was duly passed by the City Board on August 3, 2021, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

I further certify that I have compared the preceding Local Law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original Local Law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in the above paragraph.

(Seal) Date: 8/18/2021

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF CORTLAND

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Local Law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for the enactment of the Local Law annexed hereto.

Richard Valera City Attorney