

**RESOLUTION NO. 337**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, ESTABLISHING A FIRE PROTECTION FEE FOR COUNTY TOWNSHIPS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has provided fire fighting services to surrounding county townships in the past, specifically, Mineral, Salamanaca, Sheridan, Crawford, Lyon and Lola townships; and

WHEREAS, the City has and does devote the use of City-owned vehicles, fire fighting equipment and supplies and services of paid staff and volunteer personnel to respond to fire events in the above referenced townships; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that due to the number and nature of township fire responses that the costs associated with responses in areas of labor, equipment use, supplies, vehicle use and depreciation, and maintenance and repair to City Fire Department equipment are not sufficiently accommodated by the present fees of \$2750.00 (Mineral Township), and \$5500.00 (Salamanaca, Sheridan, Crawford, Lyon and Lola Townships); and

WHEREAS, it is reasonable that fire protection fees be increased by \$1375.00 per township, per year, effective January 1, 2007, to help offset the increased costs of providing fire and emergency protection services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, that the fire protection fees for Mineral, Salamanaca, Sheridan, Crawford, Lyon and Lola Townships shall be increased in the amount of \$1375.00 per year, effective January 1, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the newly established annual rate charged to Mineral Township for fire and emergency protection services shall be \$4125.00, effective January 1, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the newly established annual rates charged to Salamanaca, Sheridan, Crawford, Lyon and Lola Townships for fire and emergency protection services shall be \$6875.00, effective January 1, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the township governing bodies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Chief is directed to meet with

township leaders as deemed necessary to discuss fire prevention, fire protection, fire fighting and other issues associated with the services provided by the Columbus Fire Department. Personnel of the Fire Department will continue to maintain records of fire response runs to the townships and associated costs of responses for evaluation in future years to determine recommendations for any revisions to the township fire protection fees.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006, by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas.

CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS

John Brassart  
John Brassart, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice Blancett  
Janice Blancett, City Clerk

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