

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
OWEN COUNTY

ORDINANCE # 164

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3, c and i
AND REPEALING SECTION 6 OF
ORDINANCE NUMBER 156 GRANTING THE AUTHORITY FOR
COLLECTION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP FEES

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF
THE COUNTY OF OWEN, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, THAT

SECTION 2 – REQUESTS

Any fire department that wants to have its membership fees added to the property tax bills for Owen County must file a request with the Owen County Fiscal Court.

SECTION 3 – CONDITIONS OF REQUEST

The request set forth in Section 2 above shall contain the following:

- a. The name of the department
- b. A description of the fire department's area for which it covers.
- c. Fees shall not exceed \$35.00 per tax bill for non-commercial property; \$75.00 for commercial property within the county. Owners of multiple parcels of non-commercial property shall be required to pay only a maximum of \$70.00 but fire service shall be provided on all of their properties without further charge. Owners of multiple units who are husband and wife where some units are owned by one individually and others are jointly shall be considered together as the same ownership. Property owners who owe no property tax by reason of the homestead exemption shall be entitled to fire coverage but are exempt from payment of this membership fee without further charge.
- d. Department will agree to continue County Wide Automatic Aid.
- e. Annual budget from each department.

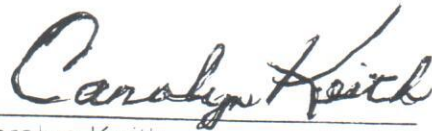
- f. Departments will agree that fees collected will be divided equally among eligible participants.
- g. Request shall contain a statement that none of the membership dues collected through the procedure provided by ordinance shall be used for salaries or salary related expenses. Reimbursement for personal expenses for fire members shall be approved by each fire chief and/or executive officers of each fire department.
- h. Departments agree that fees received shall be used for training equipment, debt service, firehouse construction and maintenance and flush hydrant maintenance fees.
- i. Each department will provide a financial statement on a quarterly basis after the collections begin and subject to audit by the County Treasurer. This financial statement shall be an itemized statement of income and expenses broken down by category with beginning and ending bank balances, check numbers, payees and amounts.

SECTION 6 – PROCEDURE FOR DELETION

This section is hereby repealed.

Introduced, seconded and given first reading by the Owen County Fiscal Court this 9th day of June 2009.

Second reading given and passed by the Owen County Fiscal Court this 25th day of June 2009.



Carolyn Keith
County Judge/Executive

ATTEST:



Fiscal Court Clerk