

## ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

### **Sec. 42-1. Injury to fire equipment.**

No person shall willfully molest, take for his own private use or damage in any manner any firefighting equipment or apparatus or anything pertaining to the firefighting system, or drive any vehicle upon or against any hose or equipment of the fire department.

(Code 1979, § 9.171)

### **Sec. 42-2. Interference with fire department.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct, restrain, hinder or impede any member of the fire department of the city in passing through, along or across any public highway, street, alley or other public place in the city while the member of the fire department is in the performance of any of his duties as a member of the fire department or attending or responding to any alarm of fire or in his entrance upon any premises in the city while in the performance of any of such duties. It shall be unlawful for any person to neglect or refuse to give the right-of-way to any member of the fire department of the city when responding to any alarm of fire in the city, or to in any manner interfere with any of the equipment of the department or the vehicles or other fire apparatus under the control of the fire department or any member of the department. It shall be unlawful for any person to neglect or refuse to obey any order duly made by the officer in command of the department at any time any conflagration is in progress in the city.

(Code 1979, § 9.172)

### **Sec. 42-3. Obstruction of fire hydrants.**

No person shall place any obstruction whatever, nor shall any person responsible for such obstruction permit it to remain, within 15 feet of any fire hydrant.

(Code 1979, § 9.173)

### **Sec. 42-4. Use of fire hydrants; permission required.**

No person except authorized city officers and employees shall use any fire hydrant, except in case of emergency, without first securing permission from the department of public works for such use, and paying or agreeing to pay for the water to be used. In no case shall any wrench or tool be used on any fire hydrant other than a regulation city hydrant wrench.

(Code 1979, § 9.174)

**Sec. 42-5. Inspections by fire chief.**

The fire chief is hereby empowered to enter at any and all reasonable times upon and into any premises, building or structure for the purpose of examining and inspecting them, to ascertain the conditions of them with regard to fire hazards and the condition, size, arrangement and efficiency of any and all appliances for firefighting. If the inspection shall disclose any fire hazard or any deficiency in firefighting appliances, the fire chief shall order the condition remedied. Every order made by the fire chief shall be promptly obeyed and complied with.

(Code 1979, § 9.175)

**Sec. 42-6. Waste receptacles and storage.**

No person owning or being responsible for any premises shall permit any waste paper, ashes, oil, rags, waste rags, excelsior or any material of a similar nature to accumulate thereon, unless contained in fireproof receptacles.

(Code 1979, § 9.176)

**Sec. 42-7. Fire exits.**

The following rules relative to passageways, stairs and fire exits shall be applicable to all public buildings, places of assembly, commercial and business buildings, hotels, apartment buildings, lodginghouses, tourist homes and all other buildings except private dwellings and except as otherwise expressly limited in this section to a particular type of building:

- (1) No fire escape, stairway, balcony or ladder on any building shall be obstructed, out of repair or maintained in a hazardous condition. Doors and windows leading to any fire escape shall open easily from the inside.
- (2) No combustible material shall be stored, placed or kept under or upon any passageway, stairs or elevator shaft, nor shall any such material be stored, placed or kept in any other part of any building in such a position as to obstruct or render hazardous egress therefrom.
- (3) All doors, hallways and stairways shall be unobstructed at all times.
- (4) In all theaters, churches, schools and other places of public assembly, no door, aisle or passageway shall be obstructed with any furniture or article; nor shall any person sit or stand or be permitted to sit or stand in any aisle, or in any exit or passageway; and all exits and the sidewalks leading therefrom shall be unobstructed while such places of public assembly are in use.
- (5) No person shall do any act which causes any violation of any of the rules set forth in this section, nor shall any person owning any building or in charge thereof as agent, employee or otherwise permit any of such rules to be violated.

(Code 1979, § 9.177)

Secs. 42-8--42-35. Reserved.

**Sec. 42-36. Fee imposed.**

The owners of premises within the city shall pay a fee for the provision of fire protection services by the Corunna-Caledonia fire department.

(Ord. No. 07-04, § 1, 12-3-07)

**Sec. 42-37. Residential and agricultural premises, airport premises, motor vehicles, aircraft, recreational vehicles, trailers, powered and nonpowered watercraft, agricultural machinery.**

An owner of a residential and agricultural premises, airport premises, motor vehicles, aircraft, recreational vehicles, trailers, powered and nonpowered watercraft, or agricultural machinery shall pay a service fee for each provision of fire protection services (including water and cost of materials) by the Corunna-Caledonia Fire Department to that premises, airport premises, motor vehicles, aircraft, recreational vehicles, trailers, powered and nonpowered watercraft, or agricultural machinery. The service fee shall be set forth pursuant to chapter 38 of the Corunna City Code.

When a particular service rendered by the Corunna-Caledonia Fire Department directly benefits more than one person or property, the owner of each property so benefited and each person so benefited where property protection is involved shall be liable for the payment of the full charge for such services. The interpretation and application of this section is hereby delegated to the fire chief of the Corunna-Caledonia Fire Department, and his/her decision shall be final, subject only to appeal, within the time limits provided herein for payment, to the Corunna-Caledonia Fire Board of Appeals and this section of the article shall be administered so that the charges shall only be collected from persons and property who benefit from the service.

(Ord. No. 07-04, § 2, 12-3-07; Ord. No. 10-04, § 2, 4-19-10)

**Sec. 42-38. Business, school, church and government premises.**

An owner of a business, school (excluding personal property occurring on school premises), church or government premises shall pay a service fee for the first hour of provision of fire protection services by the Corunna-Caledonia Fire Department as set forth pursuant to chapter 38 of the City Code. Thereafter, the owner shall pay the actual cost of the provision of fire protection services (including water, manpower, emergency response vehicles, and cost of materials).

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(Ord. No. 07-04, § 3, 12-3-07; Ord. No. 10-04, § 3, 4-19-10)

**Sec. 42-39. Industrial premises.**

An owner of an industrial premises shall pay a service fee for the first hour of provision of fire protection services by the Corunna-Caledonia Fire Department to that premises as set forth pursuant to chapter 38 of the City Code. Thereafter, the owner shall pay the actual cost of the provision of fire protection services (including water, manpower, emergency response vehicles, and cost of materials).

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(Ord. No. 07-04, § 4, 12-3-07; Ord. No. 10-04, § 4, 4-19-10)

#### **Sec. 42-40. Other services.**

Persons residing within or outside of the City of Corunna shall pay a service fee to the Corunna-Caledonia Fire Department for responding to a lift assist that is not in conjunction with a dispatched fire complaint, unauthorized grass and brush fires, hazardous material clean-up services, and false alarms. The service fee shall be set forth pursuant to chapter 38 of the Corunna City Code. The unpaid fees plus any late charges will be subject to collection.

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(Ord. No. 07-04, § 5, 12-3-07; Ord. No. 10-04, § 5, 4-19-10)

#### **Sec. 42-41. Non-resident service fee.**

Persons residing outside of the City of Corunna shall pay a service fee for each provision of fire protection services (including water, manpower, emergency response vehicles and cost of materials) by the Corunna-Caledonia Fire Department. The service fee shall be set forth pursuant to chapter 38 of the Corunna City Code. The unpaid fees plus any late charges will be subject to collection.

When a particular service rendered by the Corunna-Caledonia Fire Department directly benefits more than one person or property, the owner of each property so benefited and each person so benefited where property protection is involved shall be liable for the payment of the full charge for such services. The interpretation and application of this section is hereby delegated to the fire chief of the Corunna-Caledonia Fire Department, and his/her decision shall be final, subject only to appeal, within the time limits provided herein for payment, to the Corunna-Caledonia Fire Board of Appeals and this section of the article shall be administered so that the charges shall only be collected from persons and property who benefit from the service.

(Ord. No. 07-04, § 6, 12-3-07; Ord. No. 10-04, § 6, 4-19-10)

**Sec. 42-42. Deposit of payments.**

All payments shall be made to the Corunna-Caledonia fire department, which shall deposit the payments in a capital improvement fire fund created for that purpose.

(Ord. No. 07-04, § 7, 12-3-07)

**Sec. 42-43. Payment due date; late penalty.**

Payments are due upon receipt of a billing from the Corunna-Caledonia Fire Department. Any billing not paid in full within 90 days from the due date shall carry interest on the unpaid balance at the rate five percent per annum.

(Ord. No. 07-04, § 8, 12-3-07)

**Sec. 42-44. Unpaid fees; creation of lien.**

(a) On September 1 of each year, the Corunna-Caledonia fire department shall notify the city treasurer of unpaid fees within the city. On October 1 of each year, the city treasurer shall certify such fees to the county treasurer who shall cause them to be entered upon the next city and county tax roll against the premises to which such services shall have been rendered and against which such fee has been placed. Such installments shall be a lien on the premises as of the due date thereof and shall be collected and the lien shall be enforced in the same manner as provided in respect to taxes assessed upon the roll.

(b) On September 1 of each year, the Corunna-Caledonia fire department shall notify the deputy clerk of unpaid fees from the owners of premises, airport premises, motor vehicles, aircraft, recreational vehicles, trailers, powered and nonpowered watercraft, agricultural machinery, business, schools, churches, governments, and industrial premises who do not reside within the city. On October 1 of each year, the deputy clerk shall certify such fees and forward such fees to a collection agency for the sole purpose of collecting unpaid fire run fees to which such services shall have been rendered and against which such fee has been placed. The unpaid fees plus any late charges will be subject to collection.

(Ord. No. 07-04, § 9, 12-3-07)

**Sec. 42-45. Waiver of fees.**

Fees for the provision of services by the Corunna-Caledonia Fire Department to the following locations shall be waived if the service provided is to search for missing clients, patients or children, assist in accident reconstructions, traffic control, assist in transporting patients or other non-fire related services:

- (1) Pleasant View (Shiawassee County Medical Care Facility).

- (2) All group homes located within the city.
- (3) Owosso Police Department.
- (4) Corunna Police Department.
- (5) Shiawassee County Sheriff's Department.
- (6) Corunna Area Ambulance.
- (7) Michigan State Police.

(Ord. No. 07-04, § 10, 12-3-07)

**Editor's note:** Ord. No. 07-04, § 11, adopted Dec. 3, 2007, attached a fee schedule that is not set out herein but is available on file with the offices of the city.

Secs. 42-46--42-69. Reserved.