

Lakeview Fire

Monthly Newsletter



Dues Committee Rate Increase Recommendation

In January 2022, the Lakeview Fire Board of Directors established the Dues Committee and tasked them with developing a plan to increase fire dues at an amount the community could support. The committee consisted of board members and volunteers from the community. The committee submitted their recommendation and the results were made available to the community. This is just a recommendation for the community to review. The District will continue to put out more information in the coming weeks on our current funding, how much that will achieve, goals for the future, and what it will take to achieve those goals. Right now, our focus is on providing community members with enough data to make an informed decision about the future of the district, whether it is the committee plan or another plan. We encourage the community to review the Dues Committee recommendation, ask questions, and provide feedback. Ultimately, the goal is to find a rate plan the community supports while providing the funding needed to move the fire district forward.

Residential	Current*	Proposed				
	2003	2024	2026	2028	2030	3034
Houses	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$145.00	\$165.00	\$185.00	\$200.00
Single Wide Trailers	\$35.00	\$125.00	\$145.00	\$165.00	\$185.00	\$200.00
Double Wide Trailer	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$145.00	\$165.00	\$185.00	\$200.00

***Consolidate all three categories into one - "Livable Structure"*

Vacant Land:

Currently - 3% or seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) whichever is the lesser of the assessed value of all real property

Proposed - \$10.00 for vacant land per owner for every parcel owned

***Anyone totally exempt from paying property tax will be exempt from paying fire dues on their home.*

Businesses		Current	Proposed				
		2003	2024	2026	2028	2030	2034
Hazmat Fee		\$ 300.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
a	Less Than or Equal to 1,600 square feet	\$ 225.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 700.00
b	1601 - 3000 square feet	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 725.00
c	3001 - 5000 square feet	\$ 350.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 825.00
d	5001 - 10,000 square feet	\$ 500.00	\$ 575.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 975.00
e	10,001 - 15,000 square feet	\$ 700.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 1,175.00
f	15,001 - 20,000 square feet	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,900.00
g	20,001 - 25,000 square feet	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,100.00
h	25,001 - 30,000 square feet	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,400.00
i	30,001 - 50,000 square feet	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,900.00
j	50,001 - 100,000 square feet	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,900.00
k	100,001 - 200,000 square feet	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,400.00
l	200,001 - 300,000 square feet	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,900.00
m	300,001 - 400,000 square feet	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 5,400.00
n	400,001 - 500,000 square feet	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 5,900.00
o	Excess of 500,000 square feet	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,400.00

**The current rate schedule was approved by a community vote in 2003. There has been no update since.*

Annual fire dues for non-commercial properties are 3% or \$75, whichever is the lesser amount of the assessed value of all real property not to exceed \$75. The minimum charge for a single wide mobile home is \$35 and the maximum charge for a mobile home is \$75.

Updates

The new quick look financial summary, "dashboard", is available online if you can't attend meetings. The dashboard gives a broad overview of income and expenses each month. The purpose of the dashboard is to give the community an easy way to see what goes into keeping the District going. This does not take the place of audited financial records. Copies of the last two audits are available online and the District's financial report is available at the business office.

The business office is going over past due accounts now to ensure the notices are going to the correct location. If you did not receive your dues notice last fall, please let us know so we can get that to you. The business office makes every attempt to collect payment before any legal action is taken. If dues remain unpaid after several attempts to collect payment, a lien will be placed. Fire District liens are placed against the property, meaning the lien goes with property. The current owner of the property is responsible for paying the lien. If the property is sold without the lien being paid, the lien will remain attached to property and the new owner will become responsible for paying the lien. For example, you purchase a lot to build your dream home but pay cash and no title search. The property has 15 years of back dues. When the property title transfers to you, all the liens attached to the property become your responsibility.

Monthly board meetings are held every third Tuesday at Station 1 on Phyllis Drive starting at 7 PM.

Agendas are posted to the documents page 48 hours prior to meetings.

If you can't make it to the meeting you can find the video on our YouTube channel the day after.