

VILLAGE APPROVES INCREASED FIRE SERVICE FEE TO OFFSET CAPITAL NEEDS



In 2014, the Village Board approved a monthly fee for Glen Ellyn residents and businesses in order to fund the Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company (GEVFC) and maintain a path of financial sustainability. Implementation of the monthly fee was necessary to keep up with training, administrative requirements as well as current and future equipment and facility needs of the Glen Ellyn Fire Company. This fee replaced the GEVFC's annual fund drive, which historically had been the Fire Company's main source of revenue, but had not kept up with escalating costs.

This year, the Village Board instituted the addition of a Capital Fire Service Fee which is dedicated solely to meeting the needs of the Fire fleet of vehicles as well as to meet ongoing building maintenance and improvements to the two aging fire stations. The addition of the Capital Fire Service Fee is reflected on the October 1, 2017 Village Services Bill. The new fee structure is as follows:

Type of Property	Monthly Capital Fee	Monthly Operational Fee	Monthly Total
Residential	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$15.00
Multi-Family Residential per unit	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$6.00
Commercial under 20,000 sq. ft.	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$16.00
Commercial 20,000 to 40,000 sq. ft.	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$40.00
Commercial over 40,000 sq. ft.	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$80.00

In addition to this funding, the Village supports the Volunteer Fire Company in a number of ways. The Village owns and maintains two fire stations, maintains the Fire fleet and assists in coordinating a replacement schedule, as well as provides IT, HR, and some accounting/financial assistance. The Village also pays for dispatch services through DuComm and assists the overall management of EMS services through a Village contract with Metro. These life safety responsibilities are critical functions for all municipalities, so the Village and Fire Company have and will continue to work closely to provide emergency services through the volunteer model that has saved the Village and Village taxpayers millions of dollars annually.