

# Town of Franklin

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

## Memorandum

February 7, 2020

To: Town Council  
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator

**Re: Bylaw Amendment 20-852, Chapter 82, Municipal Service Fees**

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The Council will consider the final passage of a revised fee schedule for ALS/BLS rates in the Town's fees bylaw. This final ratification is required as part of the collective bargaining negotiations with the fire department and will assist in us being able to hire new paramedics to accommodate the steep increase in call volume in the community.

As a part of their collective bargaining agreement, the Franklin Fire Department voted to amend the code of the Town of Franklin at Chapter 82, this bylaw will amend section 82-4, titled "Community Support Program", by adding a subsection "D", it will also amend Section 82-6, titled "Schedule of Service Fees", at Subsection F by striking existing language and replacing it as outlined in the attached bylaw.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask.



## TOWN OF FRANKLIN

### BYLAW AMENDMENT 20-852

#### CHAPTER 82, MUNICIPAL SERVICE FEES

#### A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN AT CHAPTER 82

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL** that Chapter 82 of the Code of the Town of Franklin is amended at Section 82-4 Community support program by adding Subsection D, set out below and at Section 82-6 Schedule of Service Fees, Subsection F. Fire, by striking existing language and replacing as, set out below:

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§ 82-4. **Community assistance program.** Under the Community Assistance Program, qualifying residents are eligible to receive discounted rates for certain town services. Participating town departments shall establish application and eligibility verification processes using tax returns as verification of income, dependents or other information to verify eligibility. The program is available to residential households for the following town services:

- A. **Water, sewer and trash discount credits.** Residential water, sewer and trash customers are eligible to receive a twenty-percent credit, per quarter, on their water, sewer and trash bills. Where a bill has been issued prior to an eligibility determination, no abatement will be made unless the amount to be abated amounts to \$10 or more. Discounts are not eligible on penalties for late payment.
- B. **Beaver Street Recycling Center Annual Sticker waiver.** Residents may receive a waiver of the annual sticker for the Beaver Street Recycling Center. Waivers are not granted for individual items being recycled within the Recycling Center.
- C. **Recreation Department program discount.** Residents of Franklin are eligible for up to a 100% discount on registration or program fees for qualifying residents who meet certain income eligibility guidelines.
- D. **Ambulance Billing Hardship. Residents of Franklin who meet eligibility guidelines as promulgated by the Fire Chief to demonstrate economic hardship may receive a discount or waiver on an ambulance service fee.**

§ 82-6. **Schedule of service fees.**

F. Fire

<b>Service Fee</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Ambulance Fees:	
ALS Base Rate 1	<del>\$1,376.00</del> <b><u>\$2,329.00</u></b>
ALS Base Rate 2	<del>\$1,990.00</del> <b><u>\$3,420.00</u></b>
BLS Rate	<del>\$1,159.00</del> <b><u>\$1,477.00</u></b>
<del>Response treatment, no support (Commercial Care Facility Without Transport)</del>	\$935.00
<del>Cardiac monitoring</del>	\$175.00
<del>Extra Attendant — ALS/BLS</del>	\$265.00
<del>IV therapy/drug administration</del>	\$150.00
Mileage	<del>\$22.01</del> <b><u>\$36.12</u></b>
<del>Oxygen</del>	\$80.00
<del>BLS disposable supplies</del>	\$75.00
<del>ALS disposable supplies</del>	\$150.00
Building Plan Review:	
Commercial/Industrial	\$150.00
Residential – Multifamily	\$100.00
Residential – one and two single family	\$65.00
Residential – single family	\$35.00
Storage uses	\$50.00
Utility, miscellaneous	\$50.00
False alarm fee	\$300.00
Fire alarm connection/programming	\$130.00
Fire alarm inspections:	
Less than 3,000 square feet	\$45.00
3,001 to 10,000 square feet	\$60.00
10,001 to 20,000 square feet	\$95.00
20,001 to 30,000 square feet	\$175.00
30,001 or more square feet	\$175.00
Fire permits:	
Blasting permits	\$45.00
Bonfires and burning Christmas trees	\$10.00
Bowling pin and lane refurnishing	\$10.00
Cannon and mortar firing.	\$45.00
Cellulose nitrate film	\$110.00
Combustible fibers	\$110.00
Compressed natural gas (CNG)	\$110.00
Covered mall buildings	\$45.00
Crop ripening or color processing	\$110.00
Cutting and welding	\$45.00
Dust explosion prevention	\$110.00

Explosives	\$45.00
Fire protection equipment – modification	\$60.00
Fire protection systems – new installation	See fire alarm inspections
Fireworks displays	\$110.00
Fireworks manufacture, storage and handling	\$210.00
Flammable and combustible liquids:	
11 to 20 gallons	No charge
21 to 100 gallons	\$75.00
101 to 500 gallons	\$150.00
500 to 1,000 gallons	\$300.00
1,001 to 5,000 gallons	\$450.00
5,001 to 10,000 gallons	\$600.00
10,000 gallons or more	\$750.00
Flammable and combustible gases:	
Less than 3,000 cubic feet	No charge
3,001 to 6,000 cubic feet	\$75.00
6,001 to 9,000 cubic feet	\$150.00
9,001 to 12,000 cubic feet	\$300.00
12,001 to 15,000 cubic feet	\$450.00
Greater than 15,000 cubic feet	\$600.00
Flammable solids:	
0 to 20 pounds	No charge
21 to 100 pounds	\$75.00
101 to 500 pounds	\$150.00
501 to 1,000 pounds	\$300.00
1,001 to 5,000 pounds	\$450.00
5,001 to 10,000 pounds	\$600.00
10,000 gallons or more	\$750.00
Fuel transfer operations – service stations	\$75.00
Fumigation and insecticidal fogging	\$10.00
Hazardous substances left unattended:	
Limited special effects	\$110.00
LP Gas	\$45.00
Lumberyards	\$110.00
Matches	\$45.00
Model rockets	\$45.00
Oil-burning equipment	\$45.00
Open air fires	No charge
Ovens and furnaces	\$45.00
Rubbish containers	\$45.00
Salamanders	\$55.00
Special seasonal decorations	\$60.00

Storage, combustible materials	See storage of flammable and combustible liquids
Tank vehicles parked overnight	\$55.00
Tanks and containers	See storage of flammable and combustible liquids and gases
Tank removal	\$75.00
Tar kettles on roofs	\$45.00
Tire recapping and rebuilding plants	\$210.00
Tire storage	\$75.00
Torches and heat producing devices	\$45.00
Transportation of combustible liquids (tank truck)	\$75.00
Fire protection equipment testing	\$35.00
Fire reports	\$10.00
Quarterly or annual inspections	\$65.00
Site plan review:	
Site plan review	\$50.00
Amended site plan review	\$25.00
Vehicle accidents – fire apparatus response	\$135.00

This bylaw amendment shall become effective on and after April 1, 2020.

**DATED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

**A True Record Attest:**

**Teresa M. Burr, CMC**  
**Town Clerk**

**VOTED:**

**UNANIMOUS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YES:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSTAIN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Glenn Jones, Clerk**  
**Franklin Town Council**