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**RESOLUTION NO. 2018 – 02**

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**MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**FY2017 - 2018 GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE  
FOR THE SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT FOR FIRE  
SUPPRESSION AND HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE**

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**ADOPTED: April 19, 2018**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION AND HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE SERVICES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, it is essential in the interest of health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District that fire suppression and hazardous material response services be readily available; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statute 191.009(3) authorizes the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District, as governing body of the District, to set reasonable fees as necessary for the provision of services; and

**WHEREAS**, twenty-six (26) percent of the Fire Responses each year are not related to building fires, such as, but not limited to wild land fires, illegal trash burning, gas leaks, and vehicle fires; and

**WHEREAS**, these fire responses can take hours and a large number of resources to bring under control, and are considered beneficiaries of services that are not funded by fire assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire Suppression and Hazardous Material Response service user fees will help stabilize fire assessments and will motivate safe behavior within the District and achieve better compliance with codes; and

**WHEREAS**, the charge for services would occur when an emergency was caused by a citizen who was negligent in their actions, disobeying public warnings, violated codes or state statute, or was involved in criminal activity that caused the emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the general fee schedule set forth in this Resolution is reasonable as it reflects the actual costs of performing said services as well as rates established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which is used nationwide for disaster response and recovery reimbursement and updated as needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners finds that the fees set forth herein are reasonable and necessary in order to defray the costs of providing fire suppression and hazardous materials response services.

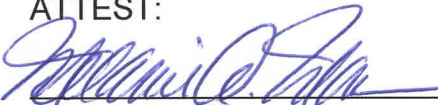
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Fire Commissioners, acting as the governing body of the Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District of Manatee County, Florida, in a public meeting, that:


1. Fees and charges for the Southern Manatee Fire Rescue District for emergency apparatus will be all inclusive utilizing the latest FEMA schedule.
2. This Resolution shall supersede Resolution 2013-11.
3. This Resolution shall take effect May 1, 2018.

**DULY ADOPTED** at a public meeting this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

**SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

ATTEST:

  
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