

# ***Town of Franklin Ordinance on Reimbursements for Emergency Volunteers***

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## **SECTION I: PURPOSE**

The Town of Franklin hereby establishes this Ordinance in order to reimburse town and emergency management personnel during any declared state of emergency lasting longer than two hours.

## **SECTION II: DEFINITIONS**

- **CIVIL PREPAREDNESS/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** any organized personnel carrying out emergency management functions according to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 517, Section 28-1(e), or any regulation or order thereunder.
- **DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY:** Any emergency declared by the President of the United States, the Governor of Connecticut, or the First Selectman of Franklin. Such emergencies include, but are not limited to, natural or manmade disasters or acts of God.
- **VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:** any organized personnel recognized in the Town's local emergency plan of operation.

## **SECTION III: COMPENSATION**

A declared emergency is deemed to be above and beyond the regular responsibilities of such service personnel, and should therefore be compensated for documented hours of service. Each department head shall be responsible for providing an accurate record of personnel hours worked to the First Selectman as soon as possible after the state of emergency has ended. Civil Preparedness/Emergency Management/Volunteer Fire Department personnel shall be compensated at a rate of \$5.00 per hour for services rendered. The First Selectman, Director of Emergency Management, or their designee shall submit a written record of municipal costs incurred during the emergency to any applicable party or parties responsible, as soon as possible after the state of emergency has ended.

## **SECTION IV: MUTUAL AID**

If mutual aid is requested by the Town of Franklin, it would be the responsibility of the responding municipality or tribe to reimburse for labor and material costs.

## **SECTION V: EVACUATION**

In the event of an evacuation, for any hazard considered an emergency, the Town shall be reimbursed for any expenses incurred, with the cost billed to any applicable party or parties. In the event that reimbursement cannot be settled and payment received within ninety days of the submitted invoices, the Town Attorney shall initiate collection procedures for expenses, plus reasonable fees.

## **SECTION VI: VALIDITY**

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

*Adopted by vote of Town Meeting legally warned and held on January 15, 2009*

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