

# CITY OF SAND SPRINGS

## RURAL FIRE SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

### DECLARATION OF NON-PARTICIPATION FOR UTILITY CUSTOMERS RESIDING OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS

As a Sand Springs utility customer who owns or is otherwise in control of property located outside the city limits of Sand Springs but within the Sand Springs Fire Department's service area, you are eligible to participate in a \$5.00 monthly Rural Fire Subscription program. This program is in addition to the Emergency Medical Services Program established by the City of Sand Springs for provision of ambulance and first responder services.

The Rural Fire Subscription program allows you, as the person who owns or is otherwise in control of the property (subsequently referred to as "property owner") and who is responsible for payment of utilities, to make a determination whether or not your property will participate in the program. Participating properties pay no out-of-pocket costs for structure, vehicle, vegetation or other type fire calls where the Sand Springs Fire Department is the responding agency. The Sand Springs Fire Department collects available insurance dollars but does not bill participating property owners for deductibles, co-payments and other costs associated with firefighting services. This means that you will not pay should a fire occur on your property.

**If you want to participate**, you do not need to do anything. You will be automatically included in the program and receive Rural Fire Subscription benefits for a \$5.00 monthly charge on your Sand Springs utility bill.

**If you do not want to participate**, you must fill out the form on the reverse side and return it no later than August 31st. Please note that the form must be completed in its entirety. Name, address, phone number and utility account number must match corresponding information on your City of Sand Springs utility account. Forms should be returned to:

**Sand Springs Fire Department  
RFS Opt Out Application  
PO Box 338  
Sand Springs OK 74063-0338**

By submitting a Declaration of Non-Participation, you will not be eligible for Rural Fire Subscription benefits offered by the Sand Springs Fire Department unless you choose to participate in a future enrollment period, which would be open annually between August 1st and August 31st.

**If you have any questions about your obligations or options, please call 246-2548.**

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### **Fire and Emergency Response Billing**

**Structure Fire** (including mobile homes and outbuildings) \$800.00 per hour\*

2 hours is the average fire time billed at \$2000.

**Hazardous Materials Response** (plus supplies & contracted services) \$800.00 per hour\*

**Vehicle Fire** \$200.00 per hour\*

**Wildland and Urban Interface Fire** \$300.00 per hour\*

**Trash Fire** \$200.00 per hour\*

**Motor Vehicle Collision** \$500.00 per hour\*

\*minimum charge for first-alarm assignment on all types. Additional charges per hour and apparatus are usually incurred.

**False Alarm/Calls** (After two documented false alarm calls per year) \$100.00 per alarm\*

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**SAND SPRINGS RURAL FIRE SUBSCRIPTION BENEFITS**

**Subscriber benefits:** The Rural Fire Subscription program is sponsored by the City of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, through the Sand Springs Fire Department. For a \$5.00 monthly subscription payment charged to the property’s Sand Springs utility account, the property owner will not be charged for any out-of-pocket costs that would be incurred should the Sand Springs Fire Department respond to a fire incident upon the property and/or structures, vehicles and other appurtenances located thereon. Properties eligible for the Rural Fire Subscription program must be located outside the incorporated limits of the City of Sand Springs but within the designated fire service area of the Sand Springs Fire Department.

**Excluded services:** The Rural Fire Subscription program provides for payment of all financial obligations by property owners for fire incidents. It shall be the discretion of the Sand Springs Fire Department to determine the manner and priority of what resources (equipment and manpower) are assigned to respond to a fire incident at a subscriber’s property. Fire incidents do not include incidents involving hazardous materials spills, emissions or contaminations. Property Owners are responsible for any related monetary charges assessed by any other federal, state or local governmental agency, or by any private person, firm or corporation. The Rural Fire Subscription program is a financial benefit only and in no way represents a specific contract for response by the Sand Springs Fire Department.

**Agreement:** Property owners acknowledge that the Rural Fire Subscription program authorizes the City of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, Sand Springs Fire Department, or any assignee thereof, to seek payment for firefighting services provided by homeowners’ insurance policies or other applicable third-party payers. It is the property owner’s responsibility to provide the City of Sand Springs, Sand Springs Fire Department, or assignees thereof, with homeowners’ insurance or third-party payer information pertaining to the property and/or structures, vehicles or other appurtenances located thereon. In consideration and payment of the subscription fee, property owners assign to the City of Sand Springs, Sand Springs Fire Department or assignees thereof, all applicable benefits from insurance or other third-party payer for services provided under the Rural Fire Subscription program. The City of Sand Springs, Sand Springs Fire Department, or other assignees thereof, will accept this assignment as payment in full for firefighting services provided. The City of Sand Springs, Sand Springs Fire Department, or assignees thereof, will file claims and is entitled to receive payment from all insurance or other third-party payers up to the amount of the usual charges for services provided.

**DECLARATION OF NON-PARTICIPATION**

I, as a Sand Springs utility customer and owner or person otherwise in control of the property shown upon this form, acknowledge that I am electing not to participate in the Rural Fire Subscription program for properties located outside the city limits of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, but within the Sand Springs Fire Department’s response area. By not participating, I understand that my property will not receive Rural Fire Subscription program benefits through the City of Sand Springs and Sand Springs Fire Department. If the Sand Springs Fire Department responds to a fire incident, reported by me or others, upon my property and/or buildings, vehicles and other appurtenances located thereon, I will be responsible for the payment for all firefighting services provided by the Sand Springs Fire Department, including out-of-pocket costs for deductibles, co-payments or any portion of charges not covered by insurance or third-party payers.

I have read and understand the “Fire and Emergency Response Billing” information provided on this form. I acknowledge that the City of Sand Springs, Sand Springs Fire Department, or assignees thereof, may use any and all legal means – including enlisting a collection agency and filing an item on my credit report – to collect debts related to firefighting services provided upon my property, whether I or another party requested them.

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that the information contained in this document is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sand Springs Utility Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Signature:\* \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name (last, first, middle initial): \_\_\_\_\_

Property Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Section/Township/Range: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Must be property owner or person otherwise in control of the property.