**FIRE SERVICE CHARGES AND FEES**

**It is important that the people have adequate Fire Brigade Call out insurance cover on their houses, cars and business premises.**

The Fire Service charges for the service it provides. Fire charges are an important element in financing the Fire Service as they help fund the cost of providing the service.

Pursuant to Section 35(3) of the Fire Services Act 1981 and 2003 and the provisions of the Local Government (Financial Provisions)(No. 2) Act, 1983 and the Local Government Financial Provisions Act, 2000, the following Fire Service charges will be levied by Kilkenny County Council.

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| **Fire Service Charges and Fees** | **Charge** |
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| Commercial Fire | €70.00 per firefighter per hour to the nearest quarter |
| Road Traffic Collision | As per Commercial Fire but capped at €2,000, divided between the parties involved |
| Domestic Fires | As per Commercial Fire but capped at €2,000 |
| Haybarn Fires | As per Commercial but capped at €5,500 |
| Chimney Fires | €360 flat rate |
| Alarm Activations | As per Commercial Fire with flat rate of €200 for mobilisation if no service provided |
| Trees/Poles Down | As per Commercial Fire if landowner known |
| Flooding  | As per Commercial Fire if localised |

* A waiver will apply to persons in receipt of the Old Age Pension/Social Welfare (or equivalent), with a reduction to an amount of €150.00.
* Fire charges will be levied against the beneficial owner of the property where the incident occurs
* Fire charges will not be levied where fatality has occurred in the fire
* Bogus calls (charge to caller where caller is identified) – the charge will be in accordance with the type of incident and time involved
* Fire Brigade attendance where service is not required and the call is cancelled on route to the incident (except in cases of commercial activated fire alarms) – no charge