

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH FIRE DUES FOR FIRE PROTECTION/COVERAGE  
OUTSIDE HELENA CITY LIMITS**

**ORDINANCE 936-2023**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Helena has assumed the fire services for all properties within the Indian Ford Fire District in Jefferson County, Alabama,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Helena has assumed the fire services that are contracted by the Indian Ford Fire District in Shelby County, Alabama,

**WHEREAS**, the City of the Helena will provide excellent fire and rescue coverage for all residents and businesses from the former Indian Ford Fire District in Jefferson County that were annexed into the City of Helena by overwhelmingly favorable referendum vote on September 12, 2023,

**WHEREAS**, the City of the Helena will provide excellent fire and rescue coverage for all residents and businesses located within, or contracted with, the former Indian Ford Fire District in Jefferson and Shelby Counties that were not able to be annexed into the City of Helena by favorable referendum vote on September 12, 2023, or not subject to the election

**WHEREAS**, the City of the Helena will provide excellent fire and rescue coverage for all residents and businesses of properties located outside the City, but within the Police Jurisdiction of the City.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Helena will rely on the fire dues for properties outside of the City, but within police jurisdiction of the City, to support the burdens of additional calls,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Helena will rely on the fire dues for properties outside of the City, but within the covered district to support the burdens of additional calls,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HELENA, ALABAMA, as follows:

**Section 1 – Residential or Agriculture Property**

Persons, firms or corporations that own property (including, but not limited to, a dwelling of any type as defined in Article IV of the City's zoning code (v22.5 UPD: 09.2022), particularly multiple dwellings, single-family dwellings and two-family dwellings) not located in the City's limits, in Shelby County/Jefferson County, who were previously covered under Indian Ford Fire District, or covered within the City's Police Jurisdiction, which meet all requirements set forth in this section are hereby authorized to utilize the aforesaid services of the City upon:

- 1.1. The payment of an annual fee in the amount of five hundred (\$500.00) per year per residential address located on such property (or such other

amount as otherwise provided for herein; and

1.2. The completion of all paperwork required by the City.

## **Section 2 – Business Property**

Fire dues for persons, firms or corporations that own business property located outside of City limits, in Shelby County/Jefferson County who were previously covered under Indian Ford Fire District, or covered within the City's Police Jurisdiction, which meet the requirements set forth in this section are authorized to utilize the aforesaid services of the City upon:

2.1. Payment of a fee in the amount of one thousand one hundred (\$1,500.00) per year per business address located on such property (or such other amount as otherwise provided for herein); and

2.2. The completion of all paperwork required by the City.

## **Section 3 – Eligibility to Receive Fire Services**

To be eligible to receive fire services from the City, a property owner must satisfy each of the following five (5) requirements for each property for which it is seeking fire services from the City and must provide certification of such compliance in writing to the city at the time of payment of the fee set forth hereinabove:

3.1. The property is not located within the service area of an existing Jefferson/Shelby County fire district, or another City;

3.2. A working fire hydrant must be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of any residential/business building structure on the property or of any other structure on which fire services are sought (if possible);

3.3. The property must possess clear ingress and egress by at least a twelve (12) foot wide access road to any residential/business building structure on the property;

3.4. The property address must be prominently displayed at the public roadway entrance to the property, whether on a mailbox or otherwise using reflective lettering that are a minimum of two (2) inches in height; and

3.5. All fees are current.

## **Section 4 – Billing**

At the beginning of each calendar year, the annual fees set forth in Section 1 and/or Section 2 may be amended to reflect any increase in the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers—South Urban Region". The most recent index (at the time of the calculation of annual fees by the City for the upcoming year) will be the base for any amendments to the annual fees set forth herein. All payments required by this article shall be due and payable on

or before the 31st day of January of each year. In the event that the annual payment is not made within the prescribed time period, then the city shall notify the owner that such property may not be afforded fire protection by the City. The effective date of such termination of service may be fifteen (15) days after the mailing of such notice of termination of service by the City.

### **Section 5 – Effective Date**

The Ordinance shall become a duly lawful Ordinance of the City of Helena on the 18th day of December 2023, five or more days after the posting of the same as provided by law.

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Ordinance Number 936-2023

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 2023.

[SEAL]



ATTEST:

  
Amand C. Traywick, City Clerk

  
J. Brian Puckett, Mayor

-absent -  
Chris Willis, Council Member

  
Chris VanCleave, Council Member

  
Alice Lobell, Council President

  
Laura Joseph, Council Member

-absent -  
Harold Woodman, Council Member

**STATE OF ALABAMA  
SHELBY COUNTY**

I, Amanda C. Traywick, City Clerk of the City of Helena, do hereby certify that the above is a true correct copy of Ordinance Number 936-2023 duly adopted by the Council of the City of Helena at its meeting held 11th day of December 2023, and as same appears of record in the ordinance records of said City, and approved by the Mayor and City Council on 11th day of December 2023.

Given under my hand and corporate seal of the City of Helena, this the 11th day of December 2023.

[SEAL]



  
Amanda C. Traywick, City Clerk

## CERTIFICATION

I, Amanda C. Traywick, the duly appointed and acting Clerk of the City of Helena, Alabama, do hereby certify that the within Ordinance Number 936-2023 is a true copy as recited in the said City Clerk's Minute Book and posted by me as provided by law in three public places in said City, being on the bulletin board of the City Hall, on our website [www.cityofhelena.org](http://www.cityofhelena.org), and in the Helena Public Library in said City, that said Ordinance shall become a duly lawful Ordinance of said City on the 18th day of December 2023, five or more days after the posting of the same as provided by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 11th day of December 2023.

[SEAL]



  
Amanda C. Traywick, City Clerk