

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 22-37
ELECTION FOR CATO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT DUES
ON EACH RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS
Sponsored by Courts & Public Safety Committee

An Ordinance providing for the election, at the next General Election, for those voting within the geographical boundaries (more specifically described as area ESN 321 attached as exhibit “A”) within Faulkner County, Arkansas; and prescribing other matters pertaining thereto.

WHEREAS, The Quorum Court of Faulkner County, Arkansas (the “County”), has received a request from Cato Volunteer Fire Department for the levy of volunteer fire department dues; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 1480 of 2009 the Quorum Court by ordinance shall call for an election on the issue of the levy of the volunteer fire department dues on each residence and on each business having an occupiable structure.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Faulkner County, Arkansas;

- Section 1. The Faulkner County Quorum Court, pursuant to Act 1480 of 2009, calls for an election, at the next general election, for those voting within the geographical boundaries (more specifically described as area ESN 321 attached as Exhibit “A”) for which Cato VFD is responsible on the issue of the levying of Volunteer Fire Department dues on each residence and each business having an occupiable structure.
- Section 2. Any cost incurred shall be borne by the Cato VFD.
- Section 3. The dues levied by the Cato VFD shall be collected annually in the respective amounts of \$25.00 per unimproved property and not to exceed 40 acres, \$5.00 per additional 40 acres not to exceed \$50.00 total, \$50.00 per improved noncommercial property, \$50.00 per commercial property up to 5,000 sq. ft., \$75.00 per commercial property in excess of 5,000 sq. ft., however, this amount may be amended as permitted by the policies, rules, and/or regulations set by the Cato VFD and all applicable Local and State laws or regulations.
- Section 4. The dues levied by the Cato VFD and listed on the annual real property tax statements, if approved by the voters, shall be collected by the Faulkner County Collector and remitted to the Cato VFD or appropriate entity by the Faulkner County Treasurer.
- Section 5. **EMERGENCY CLAUSE.** An emergency is hereby declared to exist as this Ordinance is necessary for the proper and timely conduct of County operations and this Ordinance shall be in force and take effect upon passage and publication.
- Section 6. That all ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Approved by the Quorum Court on August 16, 2022

Attest: _____
Erica Evans
Faulkner County Secretariat
Faulkner County, Arkansas

Affirm: _____
James Baker
Faulkner County Judge
Faulkner County, Arkansas

Dated: August 16, 2022

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