



Bexley Fire Contract Reimbursement Ordinance 10-25



Fire Contract is Based on Cost of:

- Salary and Fringe Benefits for Fifteen Fire Personnel (One Engine Company):
 - 12 Firefighters
 - 2 Lieutenants
 - 1 Captain
- Depreciation on Fire Engine

2025 Budget Review Unveiled Unexpected Charge

CITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO
PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT
DIVISION OF FIRE

FIRE SERVICE CONTRACT - BEXLEY 2025 RATES

PERSONNEL:	Personnel	Rate	Hours	Sub-Total
Regular Pay	12	\$ 42.80	2496	\$ 1,281,946
Firefighters	1	\$ 47.94	2496	\$ 119,648
EMS Differential (12%)	2	\$ 49.43	2496	\$ 123,387
EMS Ride Time (15.5%)	1	\$ 50.50	2496	\$ 252,096
Lieutenants	1	\$ 59.59	2496	\$ 148,737
Captain	1	\$ 59.59	2496	\$ 148,737
Sub-Total				\$ 1,925,814

Holiday Pay (40 hr rate)	Personnel	Rate	Hours	Sub-Total
Firefighter	12	\$ 51.36	108.16	\$ 66,661
Lieutenant	2	\$ 60.60	108.16	\$ 13,109
Captain	1	\$ 71.51	108.16	\$ 7,735
Sub-Total				\$ 87,505

Pension	Regular Pay	Holiday Pay	Pension Rate	Sub-Total
	\$ 1,925,814	\$ 87,505	24.00%	\$ 483,196

Workers Compensation	Regular Pay	Wk Comp Rate	Sub-Total
	\$ 1,925,814	2.00%	\$ 38,516

Insurance	Personnel	Rate	Months	Sub-Total
Sick Leave (48 hour rate)	15	\$ 1,893.00	12	\$ 340,740
Firefighter	12	\$ 42.80	72	\$ 36,979
Lieutenant	2	\$ 50.50	72	\$ 7,272
Captain	1	\$ 59.59	72	\$ 4,290
Sub-Total				\$ 48,542

Service Credit	Personnel	Svc Credit Rate	Sub-Total
	15	\$ 1,400	\$ 21,000

Clothing Allowance	Personnel	Clothing Allow	Sub-Total
	15	\$ 1,175	\$ 17,625

APPARATUS:

Engine Depreciation	Engine Cost	Years	Sub-Total
	313 \$ 1,092,632	20	\$ 54,632

Engine Maintenance and Fuel Estimate	Sub-Total
	\$ 58,063

TOTAL	Sub-Total
Total due April 1, 2025	\$ 1,537,816.31
Total due October 1, 2025	\$ 1,537,816.31
Sub-Total	\$ 3,075,632.62

Columbus was Billing For:

- Salary and Fringe Benefits for Fifteen Fire Personnel (One Engine Company):
 - 12 Firefighters
 - **2 Additional Firefighters at the EMS differential and ride time rates (this was not in the contract)**
 - 2 Lieutenants
 - 1 Captain
- Depreciation on Fire Engine

Audit of Prior Bills

- Mayor requested that the Auditor review the prior bills against the contract to investigate if overpayment had occurred in the past
- Auditor reached out to Columbus finance department to flag the issue and trigger research
- Columbus investigated and found that overbilling occurred at least through 2018 (their records did not extend past that point)
- We were able to locate previous invoices, and were able to confirm that the overbilling did not occur prior to 2018

Audit of Prior Bills:

The chart below demonstrates the original invoice amount, the corrected invoice amount, and the difference for each year from 2018 through 2024. The chart also demonstrates the total amount.

Year	Original Invoice	Edited Invoice	Difference
2018	\$2,254,776.00	\$2,122,995.00	(\$131,781.00)
2019	\$2,405,645.00	\$2,186,382.00	(\$219,263.00)
2020	\$2,475,974.00	\$2,248,976.00	(\$226,998.00)
2021	\$2,475,974.00	\$2,251,976.00	(\$223,998.00)
2022	\$2,527,510.00	\$2,298,345.00	(\$229,165.00)
2023	\$2,619,177.00	\$2,369,328.00	(\$249,849.00)
2024	\$2,626,429.25	\$2,399,799.79	(\$226,629.46)
Total			(\$1,507,683.46)

Status of Refund

- Columbus has passed Ordinance 0566-2025, authorizing the reimbursement per there negotiated contract addendum
- Bexley Council would need to approve Ordinance 10-25 to ratify the addendum
- The refund would be applied via a bill credit in April 2025, and again in October 2025, for a total refund of \$1,507,683.46