

65.111 Prohibition on local government billing landlord for emergency response fees -- Limitations.

- (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Emergency response" means a response by any first responder to a reported incident that is of such an emergent nature that jeopardizes or could jeopardize personal safety or result in the destruction of property;
 - (b) "Emergency response fee" means any charge or fee, other than a membership charge or subscriber fee levied under KRS Chapter 273, imposed by a fire department, whether paid or volunteer, ambulance provider, law enforcement agency, or other organization to cover the costs associated with an emergency response, including but not limited to costs incurred for labor, materials, supplies, or equipment used or provided in the response; and
 - (c) "First responder" means fire, police, and emergency medical personnel.
- (2) (a) No local government, special district, or other provider of any emergency response service shall submit any demand for payment or require a landlord to pay any emergency response fee if the emergency response:
 1. Arises out of the actions of a residential tenant or his or her guest; and
 2. Was not the result of any failure by the landlord to maintain a building in compliance with applicable housing, building, plumbing, electrical, fire, health, or nuisance code requirements.
- (b) Nothing in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall prevent a local government, special district, or other provider of any emergency response service from submitting a demand for payment of an emergency response fee from a responsible party.

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