

Ordinance. No 3-16-16

TOWN OF SARATOGA
WOOD COUNTY

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES

WHEREAS, 1983 Wisconsin Act 532 authorizes Towns to charge property owners a portion or all the costs of fire protection;

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the Town of Saratoga to charge the costs of such protection to property owners;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Saratoga does ordain as follows:

Section 1 – State Authority

Pursuant to Section 60.55, 60.555 and 60.557 of Wisconsin Stats., the Town of Saratoga, Wood County, hereby establishes the following policy and procedure for payment of fire costs incurred by the Town of Saratoga.

Section 2 – Revocation of Previous Ordinances

Town of Saratoga Ordinance 4-20-11 shall be revoked upon the passage of this Ordinance.

Section 3 – Liability for Fire Protection Costs

Fire calls for (1) motor vehicles owned or operated by non-residents of the Town, and (2) properties of Town residents where fires have been caused by negligence or recklessness, shall be charged back to the responsible Town resident(s), non-residents(s), or Town landowner(s) according to the fee schedule in use at the time of loss as adopted by the Town Board.

Section 4 – Billing and Payment Procedure

The costs of any fire calls set forth in Section 3 (1) above shall be billed by the Town Clerk to the vehicle owner or operator. The costs of any fire calls set forth in Section 3 (2) shall be billed to the Town resident, non-resident, or landowner. Any bill for such costs shall be paid by the responsible party within 60 days of the bill. The failure to pay the bill within 60 days will result in the bill being entered in the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's TRIP program, Wisconsin Statutes 71.93 and 71.935 authorizes the Wisconsin Department of Revenue to intercept taxpayer refunds, other refundable credits, and lottery prizes for certain state agency and local government debts; or it will be forwarded to a collection agency.

All bills will be examined by the town board, who will have authority to excuse certain bills, i.e. false alarms, prior to being submitted to the property

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owner for payment.

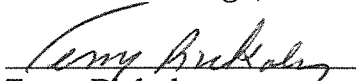
Section 5 – Separability of Provisions

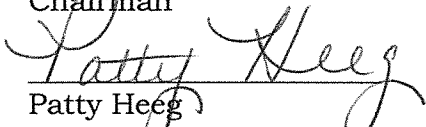
Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared invalid, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 6 – Effective Date

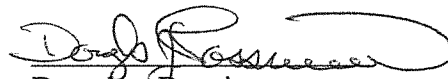
This ordinance shall take effect upon its publication as provided by law.


Adopted this 16th day of March, 2016, by the Town board of Supervisors of the Town of Saratoga, Wood County.

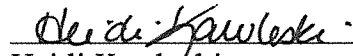

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