

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING
FIRE PROTETIONS CHARGES 2-97**

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

Whereas, it is in the public interest of the town of Townsend to charge the costs of such fire protection to property owners;

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

Section 1 – State Authority

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

Section 2 – Liability for Fire Protection Costs

The property owners of real estate within the Town of Townsend for which fire protection is provided shall be responsible for the costs of fire calls made to their property based on the following schedule:

PUMPER \$100.00 x hours used up to 4 hours used

TANKER \$ 75.00 x hours used up to 4 hours used

EQUIPMENT VAN \$50.00 x hours used up to 4 hours used

| <u>MATERIALS USED</u> | <u>QUANTITY</u> | <u>COST</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| FOAM | per gallon | |
| TREATED WATER | per gallon | |
| FIRE PERSONNEL ON SCENE | per person | |
| | Per hour | |

Section 3 – Liability for Fire Calls from Fire Departments other than authorized fire departments

Any property owner, within the Town of Townsend, requesting fire protection from any fire department other than the Town of Townsend shall be responsible for the full costs billed to the town from the fire call. This section shall not apply to the costs of any other fire department responding at the request of an authorized mutual aid.

Section 4 – Bill and Payment Procedure

The costs of the fire calls as outlined above shall be billed by the Town Clerk to the property owner and/or property owner's insurance company and paid to the Town Treasurer within 90 days of the date of the bill.

The Town of Townsend reserves this right to waive any and all charges for fire calls in cases of hartship.

Section 5 – Separability of Provisions

Should any section of 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 from and after its passage and posting as provided by law.

Adopted this day 11 of November 1997 by the Town of Townsend Town Board of Supervisors, Oconto County

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