

CHAPTER III

FIRE PROTECTION

3.01 FIRE PROTECTION. The Town Board shall provide fire protection for the residents of the Town. The Town Board is authorized to contract for said services.

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3.20 False Fire Alarms

3.21 **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the ordinance is to reduce the incidence of false fire calls caused by installed fire alarm systems in structures. Standards and requirements are outlined to allow the Fire Department to respond to emergency situations.

3.22 **DEFINITION:** False Alarm is defined as a transmission from an installed fire alarm that alerts the Fire Department to dispatch when a fire emergency does not exist.

3.23 **OPERATIONAL REQUIRMENTS:** The property owner shall be responsible for the maintaining the alarm system in proper working order.

3.24 **PENALTY:** For each false alarm that causes the Fire Department to be dispatched the property owner shall be charged a \$500.00 fee. If the fee is not paid in a timely manner the fee will be placed on the tax roll.

TOWN OF OSBORN

ESTABLISHING FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES

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 Osborn to charge the costs of such protection to vehicle owners;

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

Section 1-State Authority

Pursuant to Section 60.55, 60.555 and 60.557 of Wisconsin Stats., the Town of Osborn, Outagamie County hereby establishes the following policy and procedure for the payment of fire costs incurred by the Rural Fire Department.

Section 2-Liability for Fire Protection Costs

The property owners of real estate and/or person traveling by vehicle within the Town of Osborn for which protection or rescue services is provided shall be responsible for the costs of the fire/rescue calls based on \$500.00 when service is requested.

Section 3-Billing and Payment Procedure

The party or parties that get billed and the accident information shall be received by the clerk from the Fire Chief. This information shall be received by the clerk within 30 days or by the monthly board meeting. The Town board will review the information and instruct the clerk to bill for the accident. The clerk shall send the bill according to the information received from the Fire Chief. Payment is due within 60 days. The failure to pay within 60 days will result in a 2nd notice including interest being charged at the rate of 1 ½% per month from the date of the 2nd notice. Any unpaid bill may be turned over to a collection agency or placed on property owner's tax bill as a special charge pursuant to Sec.66.60.