

**TOWN OF OSBORN  
ORDINANCE 11-13-17B  
Chapter 3.30  
ESTABLISHING FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES  
REVISED 03-13-23**

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 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 Seymour Rural Fire Department.

**Section 2-Liability for Fire Protection Costs**

In the event an individual(s) traveling by vehicle within the Town of Osborn requires fire protection and/or rescue services (hereinafter referred to as "fire call"); such individual(s) shall be responsible for the costs of the fire call in the amount of \$500.00. In the event that a fire call is made regarding personal property located within the Town, such as a vehicle or farm machinery, the charges provided for under this ordinance shall be imposed on all owners of such personal property. The liability for the charges shall be joint and several as to all owners of the personal property which had required service. By way of example, should a property owner of real estate call the fire department for services regarding a vehicle located on their real estate, the owner of the vehicle shall be charged, rather than the owner of the real estate, should the owners be different.

**Section-3-Scene with Hazardous Materials**

The Fire Department has the discretion to determine if hazardous materials are located upon the scene of a fire call and may determine if additional resources are further required. Should the resources to properly handle the hazardous material result in additional expenses, such additional expenses shall be billed to the Fire Department. The Fire Department shall thereafter invoice the Town in which the expense had occurred. Thereafter, the Town shall bill the party who had been provided with said services. Payment shall be due within 60 days. The failure to pay within 60 days shall result in a second notice being issued which shall include interest being charged at the rate of 1.5% per month from the date that the second notice had been issued. Any unpaid bill may thereafter be turned over to a collection agency or placed upon the owner's tax bill as a special assessment charge pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 66.60.

**Section 4-Billing and Payment Procedure**

The Fire Chief shall provide to the Clerk, within 30 days or prior to the monthly board meeting, the names of the party and/or parties who shall be billed for the cost of the fire call along with the accident information. The Town Board shall thereafter review the information and instruct the Clerk to bill for the accident. The clerk shall issue a bill according to the information provided by the Fire Chief. Payment shall be due within 60 days. The failure to pay within 60 days shall result in a second notice being issued which shall include interest being charged at the rate of 1.5% per month from the date that the second notice had been issued. Any unpaid bill may thereafter be turned over to a collection agency or placed upon the owner's tax bill as a special assessment charge pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 66.60.

Adopted this 13th day of March, 2023.



Al Timm, Chairman

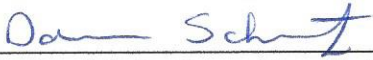


Dennis Hoffman, Supervisor



Keith Lorenz, Supervisor

Attest:



Darlene Schultz, Osborn Town Clerk