

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES

It is hereby ordained by the Town Board of the Town of Colfax, Dunn County, Wisconsin as follows:

Section 1 – Authority

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted town boards under s.60.55(2)(b), Wis. Stats. which allows towns to recover the cost of fire calls made to property within the town.

Section 2 – Liability for Fire Protection Costs

The Town of Colfax, Dunn County, Wisconsin, hereby imposes a charge for each fire call made within the limits of the Town of Colfax. The fee billed to property owners shall be the cost to the Town for the fire call. If the call is to real estate, the charges shall be imposed on all owners of the real estate to which the particular fire call is made. If the fire call pertains to personal property, such as a vehicle, charges shall be imposed on all owners of the personal property.

Section 3 – Payment of Fire Call Fee

The fire call charges provided for in this ordinance shall be billed by the Town Clerk to the property owner and paid to the Town Treasurer within 60 days of the date of the bill. Those bills for fire calls to real estate that remain outstanding for more than 90 days as of November 1 of any year shall become a lien against the real estate and shall be placed on the tax roll as a delinquent special charge under s. 66.0627, Wis. Stat.

Section 4 – Liability for Fire Calls from Fire Departments other than Authorized Fire Departments

It is the policy of the Town of Colfax to contract with the Colfax Community Fire Department (CCFD). Any property owner requesting fire protection directly from any fire department other than the Colfax Community Fire Department shall be responsible for the full costs billed to the town resulting from the fire call. This section shall not apply to the costs of any other department responding at the request of the CCFD under a mutual aid agreement.

Section 5 – Separability of Provisions

Should any section or provisions of this ordinance be declared invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 6 – Effective Date

This ordinance establishing fire protection charges shall become effective upon adoption and publication or posting, as provided by law, pursuant to s. 60.80, Wis. Stat.

Date of Passage: June 8, 2011

Signed: Jay Klubos

Town Chairman

Don Lupton

Town Supervisor 1

Mary Bjork

Town Supervisor 2

Attest: Rebecca Kiesow Date: 6-8-11

Town Clerk