

ORDINANCE 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 Colfax to charge the costs of such protection to property to owners;

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

Section 1 - State Authority

Pursuant to Section 60.55, 60.555, and 60,557 of Wisconsin Statutes the Town of Colfax, Dunn County hereby establishes the following policy and procedure for the payment of fire costs incurred by the Town of Colfax.

Section 2 - Liability for Fire Protection Costs

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

A. Fire calls by the Colfax Community Fire Department:
100 % billed to persons insurance company

B. Fire Calls by the Mutal Aide Fire Department:

Section 3 - 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 fire departments listed in Section 2 above. Any property owner requesting fire protection directly from any fire department other than listed in Section 2, shall be responsible for the full costs billed to the town from the fire call from any unauthorized fire department. This section shall not apply to the costs of any other department responding at the request of an authorized department under mutual aid.

Section 4 - Billing and Payment Procedure

The costs of fire calls as outlined above 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. The failure to pay the bill within 60 days will result in interest being charged at the rate of 0 percent per month from the date of the bill. Those bills remaining outstanding, including interest, for more than 90 days as of November 1 of any year shall become a lien against the real estate from which fire protection was provided and shall be placed on the tax roll as a delinquent special charge pursuant to Section 66.60 of Wisconsin Statutes,

Section 5 - Separability of Provisions

Should any section or provisions 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 12 day of Nov., 1987 by the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Colfax, Dunn County.

Jerry Higbie
Town Chairperson

Roger Hones
Town Supervisor

Serald Rypard
Town Supervisor

Filed this 12 day of Nov., 1987

Gene Louie
Town Clerk