

TOWN OF JEFFERSON

ORDINANCE 4-13

Charges for Fire Protection and Emergency Responses within the Town of Jefferson, Jefferson County, Wisconsin per Wisc.state stats. 60.55, 60.557 and 60.565

Section 1 PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a Town of Jefferson written fee schedule to recover costs for fire department and other emergency response services as described in this ordinance.

Section 2 AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Sections 60.55 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, the Town of Jefferson, Jefferson County, Wisconsin shall provide for fire protection for the town and may charge property owners a fee for the cost of fire protection provided to their property according to a written schedule established by the town.

Section 3 WRITTEN FIRE FEE SCHEDULE

The cost of water, foam, and other expendable materials used by fire departments or response agencies to suppress fire or control an emergency event within the Town of Jefferson.

Five-Hundred Dollar (\$500) per call fee for fire or emergency responses to any person who is not a resident or property taxpayer within the Town of Jefferson.

Section 4 BILLING PROCEDURES

Billing procedures will be established by the Town or its agent, and may be changed from time to time by the Town to ensure reimbursement for the costs incurred for providing emergency and fire response services. Bills will be sent to the owner of the property who received the response. The service charges, including related administrative expenses, shall be as authorized under this ordinance and in accordance with all applicable state law. Collection of unpaid service charges shall be actionable by the Town or by its agent that is collecting on its behalf.

Pursuant to Section 60.557 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, the Town may request reimbursement from the County and the State for costs incurred by responding to a fire call or vehicle fire within a state or county trunk highway right-of-way located within the town, if the Town is unsuccessful in collecting costs from an insurer or from such person to whom the fire call was provided.

This Ordinance shall be in force and effect upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Board of the Town of Jefferson, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, this 1st day of April, 2013.

Donald D. Bigelow, Chairperson

Tyson Barnes, Supervisor

Jim Mode, Supervisor

Nancy J. Emons, Supervisor

Tracie Stammer, Supervisor

ATTEST TO:

Bonnie L. Ames, Clerk

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