

Fire Protection Ordinance

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 Grant to charge the costs of such protection to property owners;

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

Section 1 – State Authority

Pursuant to Section 60.55, 60.555, and 60.557 of Wisconsin Stats., the Town of Grant, Dunn County hereby establishes the following policy and procedure for the payment of fire costs incurred by the Town of Grant.

Section 2 – Liability for Fire Protection Costs

The property owners of real estate within the Town of Grant for which fire protection is provided shall be responsible for the costs of the fire calls made to their property and the Town of Grant will recover the actual expense of the fire call, except that no bill to a property owner will exceed \$500.00

OPTION: with regards to a fire caused by or involving personal property, that owner may also be, or exclusively be liable for the fire call expense using the same procedure as above.

Section 3 – 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 1 ½ 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 4 – Separability of Provisions

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

Section 5 – Repealing Burning Ordinance #2

With the enactment of this ordinance, the Town of Grant is repealing Burning Ordinance #2, dated June 10, 1981.

Section 6 – Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 1993 after its passage and posting as provided by law.

Adopted this 8th day of July, 1992 by the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Grant, Dunn County.