

~~Section~~ Policy 12-9-2003

TOWN OF LITTLE BLACK ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES

WHEREAS, 1983 Wisconsin Act 532 authorizes Towns to charge property owners a portion of all of the cost of fire protection:

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the Town of Little Black to charge the costs of such protection to property owners

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Little Black, does ordain as follows

Section 1-State Authority

Pursuant to Section 60.55, 60.555 and 60.557 of Wisconsin Stats the Town of Little Black, Taylor County hereby establishes the following policy and procedure of fire cost incurred the the Town of Little Black.

Section 2-Liability for Fire Protection Costs

The property owners of real estate within the Town of Little Black for which fire protection is provided shall be responsible for the cost of the fire calls made to their property to the Stetsonville Volunteer Fire Department by calling 911.

The owner of any property within the Town of Little Black and the occupant of said Property, if different from the owner, or either of said persons shall pay the Town of Little Black a fee for the cost of all fire calls made to their property. Said fee shall be the actual cost to the Town of Little Black for sending firefighting labor, equipment and apparatuses to the scene of the fire not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars

Section 3-Liability for Fire Calls from Fire Departments other than authorized fire departments.

It is the policy of the Town of Little Black 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 up to \$500 per call billed to the town for the fire call from any authorized fire department. This section shall not apply to the costs of any other departments responding at the request of authorized department under mutual aid. The cost of additional emergency equipment, backhoe, bulldozer, ambulance, forklift, etc. will be billed in an additional billing.

Section 4-Billing and Payment Procedures

The cost 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 1/2 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 given 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 provision 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 January 1, 2004 after posting as provided by law

Adopted this 9th day of Dec, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Little Black, Taylor County

Filed this _____
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