

CHAPTER XVII.

FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES

SECTION 17.00. Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to establish a policy and procedure for the payment of fire costs incurred by the Town.

SECTION 17.10. Authority. Authority for recovery of the cost of fire protection is provided by Section 60.55, 60.555 and 60.557, Wis. Stats.

SECTION 17.20. Liability for Fire Protection Costs. The property owners of real estate within the boundaries of the Town for which fire protection is provided shall be responsible for the costs of the fire calls made to the subject property to the extent of up to and including One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each fire call.

SECTION 17.30. Policy. It is the policy of the Town to contract with various fire departments based in other municipalities for fire protection services in various areas of the Town. Those contracts require payment of fixed and/or other costs when fire protection services are requested.

SECTION 17.40. Property Owner Responsibility. Any property owner requesting fire protection directly from any fire department which contracts with the Town for fire protection services, or the owner of any property in the Town, for which fire protection services are required and provided, shall be responsible for the costs billed to the Town for the fire call from such fire department to the extent of up to and including One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each fire call.

SECTION 17.50. Billing and Payment Procedures. The cost of fire calls shall be billed by the Town Clerk to the property owner and charges shall be paid to the Town Treasurer by the property owner within sixty (60) days of the date of the bill. The failure to pay the bill in full within sixty (60) days will result in interest being charged on the unpaid balance 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 ninety (90) days as of November 1 of any year shall become a lien against the real estate for which fire protection was provided and shall be placed on the tax roll as a delinquent special charge pursuant to Section 66.60, Wis. Stats.