

ORDINANCE #32 ESTABLISHING FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE FEES AMENDMENT #3 DATED 7-8-2020

It is hereby ordained by the Town Board of the Town of Greenfield, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, as follows:

Section 1. Authority: This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted town boards under s. 60.55(2)(b), Wis. Stats and Section 60.565 Wis. Stats., which allows towns to recover the cost of Fire and Emergency calls made to property or persons within the town. Section 26.24(9)(b) Wis. Stats. allows the Town to collect the expenses associated with suppressing a forest fire if the fire results from someone setting a fire that is allowed to escape.

Section 2. Liability for Fire Protection Costs: The Town of Greenfield, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, hereby imposes a charge for each fire call made within the limits of the Town of Greenfield. Such fee shall not exceed the actual cost to the Town for the fire call by our service provider. In event of a call lasting more than 4 hours, the owner will be billed at the fire department charge per hour. In the event foam is required, the additional cost will be billed at the Town contracted Fire Department providers current rate. Any fire that requires more water than carried on the response vehicles will be charged for the extra water as billed from the Sanitary District or other providers of water.

If the call is to real estate located within the Town, the charges shall be imposed on all owners of the real estate to which the particular fire call is made. In the event that a fire call is not made to real estate located within the Town, but is instead made to a vehicle located on a public road within the Town, the charges provided for under this ordinance shall be imposed on all owners of such vehicle. Highways and County Roads are covered in Section 60.557. Under Section 60.557 Wis. Stats., towns may be reimbursed up to \$200.00 for fire calls on County Highways and up to \$500.00 for fire calls on state highways.

Section 3. is deleted per this amendment.

Section 4. Payment of Fire Call: The Fire Protection call charges provided for in this ordinance shall be paid in full to the Clerk of the Town of Greenfield no later than 60 days after the date of the particular fire call. 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 for Fire Protection calls to real estate, including interest, that remain outstanding for more than 90 days as of November 1 of any year shall become a lien against the real estate and shall be placed on the tax roll as a delinquent special charge under s. 66.0627, Wis. Stat.

Section 5. Liability for Fire Calls from Fire Departments other than Authorized Fire Departments: It is the policy of the Town of Greenfield to contract with Shelby Fire Department and Coon Creek Fire Fighting Association. Any changes in providers will be noticed by minutes and posting. Any property owner requesting fire protection directly from any other fire department other than those listed above shall be responsible for the full costs billed to the Town resulting from the fire call. This section shall not apply to the costs of any other department responding at the request of an authorized department under a mutual aid agreement.

Section 6. Severability: Should any section or provisions of this ordinance be declared invalid for any reason; such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 7. Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication or posting, as provided by law, pursuant to s. 60.80 Wis. Stat.

Original Date of Passage: 10-12-2011

Vote For: 3 Vote Against: 0 Not Voting: 0

Effective Date: 12-7-2011

Date of Amendment #2 5-9-2012

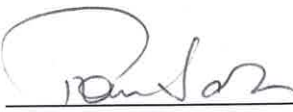
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Date of Amendment #3 7-8-2020

Vote for: 3 Vote Against: 0 Not Voting: 0

Effective Date: 8/11/2020 after posting and publishing

Signed  Date 8-11-2020
Town Chairperson

Signed  Date 8/11/2020
Town Clerk