

TOWN OF MT. PLEASANT  
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING  
FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES

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 Mt. Pleasant to charge the labor costs only of such protection to property owners;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Mt. Pleasant, does ordain as follows:

Section 1 - State Authority

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

Section 2 - Liability for Fire Protection Costs

The property owners of real estate within the Town of Mt. Pleasant for which fire protection is provided shall be responsible for the costs of the fire calls made to their property based upon current labor rates charged by the Monticello Fire Department. The charges are subject to change without notice when they are changed by the Monticello Fire Department.

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

It is the policy of the Town of Mt. Pleasant to contract with the fire departments listed in Section 2 above. Any property owner receiving fire protection directly from any fire department other than listed in Section 2, shall be responsible for the full costs billed to the town from the fire call from any authorized fire department. This section shall not apply to the costs of any other department responding at the request of an authorized department under mutual aid.

Section 4 - Billing and Payment Procedure

The costs of fire calls as outlined above shall be billed by the Town Clerk to the property or vehicle owner and paid to the Town Treasurer within 60 days of the date of the bill. Vehicle fires occurring in the township will be billed to the owner of the vehicle. 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 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 provisions 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 from and after its passage and posting as provided by law. The effective date of this ordinance is January 1, 1992.

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1991 by the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Mt. Pleasant, Green County.

Town Chairman, Ed Riese

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Filed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1991.

Karen Pfeuti, Clerk