

TOWN OF MOUNT PLEASANT, GREEN COUNTY

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 Mount Pleasant to charge the labor costs of such protection to property owners;

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the Town of Mount Pleasant to charge the cost of water of such protection to property owners, in the amount that it is charged by the Village of Monticello to the Town of Mount Pleasant;

Section 1- State Authority

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

Section 2- Liability for Fire Protection Costs

The property owners of real estate within the Town of Mount 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.

The property owners of real estate within the Town of Mount Pleasant for which fire protection is provided shall also be responsible for the costs of water for fire calls made to their property based on water that is billed to the Town of Mount Pleasant by the Village of Monticello, based on current water charges. The charges are subject to change without notice when they are changed by Village of Monticello.

The property owners of real estate within the Town of Mount Pleasant for which fire protection is provided shall also be responsible for any related costs charged by the Monticello Fire Department for fire calls made to their property. These charges may include, but are not limited to the following; foam, damages to fire equipment, removal of hazardous materials or chemicals. These 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 Mount Pleasant to contract with the fire department 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 unauthorized 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 Treasurer to the property or vehicle owner and paid to the Town Treasurer within sixty (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 1.5 percent per month from the date of the bill. Those bills remaining outstanding, including interest, for more than ninety (90) days as of the 1st of November 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 20th of August 2018.

Adopted this 20th day of August, 2018 by the Town Board of Supervisors of the town of Mount Pleasant, Green County.

Chairman: *Kenneth Christen*

First Supervisor: *[Signature]*

Second Supervisor: *vacant*

Attest: *J. Kalit Buell* town clerk