

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-01
An 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 Union to charge the costs of such protection to property to owners;

Now Therefore, the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Union, does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: State Authority

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

SECTION 2: Liability for Fire Protection Costs

The property owners of real estate within the Town of Union for which fire protection is provided shall be responsible for the costs of the fire calls made to their property based upon the following schedule:

Fire calls by Evansville Fire District

\$400 per call or as otherwise adjusted downward by Evansville Fire District Board of Trustees.

Fire calls by Brooklyn Fire & EMS Protection District

\$0 per call.

SECTION 3: Liability for Fire Calls from Fire Departments Other than Authorized Fire Departments

~~Option #1:~~ It is the policy of the Town of Union 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 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 responding fire district to the property owner and paid to the fire district within the terms identified on the bill. The failure to pay the bill within the allowable days will result in interest being charged at the rate of 1½% 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.

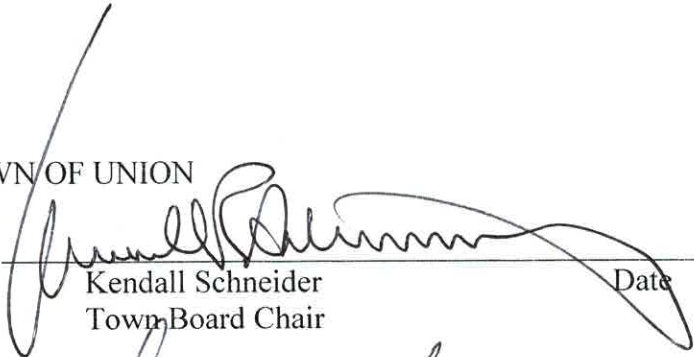
SECTION 6: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and posting as provided by law.

Adopted this 7th day of July, 2005 by the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Union, Rock County.

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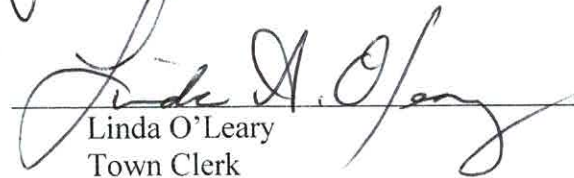
By:



Kendall Schneider
Town Board Chair

Date

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Linda O'Leary
Town Clerk

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