

**TOWN OF OTTER CREEK**  
**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES**  
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03  
(Replaces Ordinance #01-2002)

It is hereby ordained by the Town Board of the Town of Otter Creek, Dunn 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. which allows towns to recover the cost of fire calls made to property within the town.

**Section 2. Liability for Fire Protection Costs:**

The Town of Otter Creek, Dunn County, Wisconsin, hereby imposes a charge for each fire call made within the limits of the Town of Otter Creek. Such fee shall not exceed the actual cost to the Town for the fire call. 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 personal property, such as a vehicle, the charges provided for under this ordinance shall be imposed on all owners of such personal property.

**Section 3. Payment of Fire Call Fee:**

The fire call charges provided for in this ordinance shall be paid in full to the Clerk of the Town of Otter Creek no later than 60 days after the date billed. The failure to pay the bill within 60 days will result in interest being charged at the rate of 2 percent per month from the date of the bill. Those bills for fire calls to real estate, including interest, that remain outstanding for more than 60 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 4. Fire Calls to Vehicles Located on Roads Within the Town:**

When the Town incurs a charge for a fire department responding to a fire call regarding a vehicle fire on any road located within the Town, then a fee equal to the amount of that charge is hereby imposed upon the person to whom the fire call was provided. The Town may then proceed against that person and that person's insurer, as provided in s.60.557, Wis. Stat., and as otherwise provided under Wisconsin law, to collect that fee. That fee shall be paid in full no later than 60 days after the Town submits a billing covering the fee owed to the Town.

**Section 5. Severability:**


Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

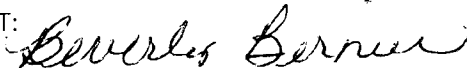
**Section 6. Effective Date:**

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication, as provided by law, pursuant to s.60.80, Wis. Stat.

The foregoing ordinance was enacted by a majority vote of the Town Board of the Town of Otter Creek on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

  
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ATTEST:   
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Beverly Bernier, Clerk Treasurer  
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