

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA
POLK COUNTY WISCONSIN**

CODE OF ORDINANCES

Chapter 5

FIRE PROTECTION

5.01 FIRE ASSOCIATION

Fire protection in the Town shall be provided by the Dresser, Osceola and Garfield Fire Association.

5.02 FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES

- (1) STATE AUTHORITY. Pursuant to §§60.555 and 60.557, Wis. Stats., the Town hereby establishes the policy and procedures in this section for the payment of fire costs incurred by the Town.
- (2) LIABILITY FOR FIRE PROTECTION COSTS. Owners of real estate within the Town for which fire protection is provided shall be responsible for the cost of the fire call made to their property in the amount of \$500, provided that the fire call is made for a structure fire.
- (3) LIABILITY FOR FIRE CALLS FROM DEPARTMENTS OTHER THAN AUTHORIZED FIRE DEPARTMENTS. The Town shall provide fire protection services through the Dresser, Osceola and Garfield Fire Association. Any property owner requesting fire protection directly from a fire department other than the Dresser, Osceola and Garfield Fire Association shall be responsible for the full cost 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.
- (4) COSTS, WHEN DUE. The costs of fire calls as outlined above shall be billed by the Town Clerk to the property owner and paid to the Town Treasurer within 60 days of the date of the bill. The failure to pay the bill within 60 days will result in interest being charged at a rate not to exceed one and one half 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 the fire protection was provided and shall be

placed on the tax roll as a delinquent special charge pursuant to §66.60, Wis. Stats.