

Town of Eau Galle, St Croix County, WI

Ordinance 2022-02

Establishing Fire Protection Charges

Whereas, 1983 Wisconsin Act 532 authorizes Towns to charge property owners a portion or all of the cost of Fire Protection;

Whereas, it is in the public interest of the town of Eau Galle to charge the cost of such protection to property owners;

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

Section 1 – State Authority

Pursuant to section 60.55, 60.555, and 60.557 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, the Town of Eau Galle, St. Croix County hereby establishes the following policy and procedures for the payment of fire cost incurred by the Town of Eau Galle.

Section 2 – Liability for Fire Protection Costs

The owners of property within the Town of Eau Galle for which fire protection is provided shall be responsible for the cost of all calls made to their property based upon the following schedule:

- A. Calls by United Fire and Rescue:
 - a. All charges as billed from United Fire and Rescue.

Section 3 – Liability for fire calls from fire departments other than authorized fire departments.

It is the policy of the Town of Eau Galle to contract with the fire department 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 cost billed to the Town of Eau Galle for call from any unauthorized fire department. This section shall not apply to the cost of any other department responding at the request of an authorized fire department under mutual aid.

Section 4 – Billing and Payment Procedures

The cost of fire calls as outlined above shall be billed by the Town Clerk to the property owner and paid to the Town Treasure 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 the rate of 1% 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 60.60 of Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 5 – Separability of Provisions

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid, such decision shall not effect 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.

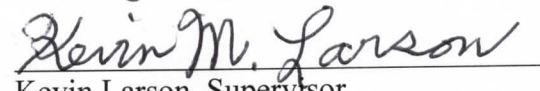
Adopted this 12th Day of May 1997 by the town board of supervisors of the Town of Eau Galle, St. Croix County.

Amended this 10th day of October 2022 by the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Eau Galle, St. Croix County.

APPROVED BY:


James Lund, Chairperson


Amy Shafer, Supervisor


Kevin Larson, Supervisor

ATTESTED BY:


Nicole L. Olson, Clerk/Treasurer