

**TOWN OF JANESVILLE
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING
FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES**

Ordinance No. 061204

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 Janesville to charge a portion of the costs of such protection to property to owners;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Janesville, does ordain as follows:

Section 1 - State Authority

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

Section 2 - Liability for Fire Protection Costs

The property owners of real estate within the Town of Janesville for which fire protection is provided shall be responsible for the costs of the fire calls made to their property in accordance with Sections 3 and 4 of this Ordinance. Personal property owners shall also be responsible for the costs of the fire calls made for fire protection for their personal property, including motor vehicle fires occurring within the Town of Janesville in accordance with Sections 3 and 4 of this Ordinance.

Section 3 - Schedule

- For an initial standard response, usually including one fire engine, one EMS unit, one pumper truck and six personnel - \$500.00
- For any additional equipment, including personnel - \$250.00 for each vehicle

Section 4 - Liability Cap

The limit of liability for any one fire for an owner of real property or personal property under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be \$500.00.

Section 5 - Liability for Fire Calls from Fire Departments Other than Authorized Fire Departments

It is the policy of the Town of Janesville to contract with the City of Janesville Fire Department for fire protection services. Any property owner requesting fire protection directly from a fire department other than the City of Janesville Fire Department shall be responsible for the full costs billed to the Town for the fire call response from any other fire department. This section shall not apply to the costs of any other department responding at the request of the City of Janesville Fire Department under mutual aid.

Section 6 - Billing and Payment Procedure

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 the rate of one percent (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 appropriate provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 7 - 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 8 - Effective Date

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

TOWN OF JANESVILLE

By: /s/ Edward Marshall
Edward Marshall, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Andrea Peabody
Andrea Peabody, Clerk

Date of Public Hearing: _____

Date Passed: 12/04/06

Date Published: 02/14/07