

Town of Cooks Valley

Amended Chapter 10 Fire Suppression Ordinance

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of Cooks Valley
Chippewa County

Section 1: Service Charges for Fire Suppression and Spill/Leak Cleanup Costs.

- (a) **Person responsible for personal property and the owners of real property with respect to which fire calls and Spill/Leak cleanup are made by the fire Department within the township limits of the Town of Cooks Valley shall be responsible for assessments for the following services rendered and equipment used by the Fire Department:**
 - (1) Engines per hour
 - (2) Brush truck per hour
 - (3) Tanker per hour
 - (4) A flat fee for the equipment vans
 - (5) Each man hour of deployment of Fire Department members
 - (6) Each on thousand (1,000) gallons of water used
 - (7) Responses to motor vehicle accidents and/or fuel spill/leak cleanup
 - (8) Right of way fires caused by motorists
- (b) **Charges assessed under 1., above, shall not exceed \$2500.00 per fire call.**
- (c) **For purposes of this ordinance "Fire Call" shall mean each time that the Fire Department is required to make a service call pertaining to a given parcel of real estate or item of personal property or fire on a public right of way caused by and identified person.**
- (d) **Charges under subsection (a), above, shall be billed to the responsible person with respect to fire calls made pertaining to personal property and to the owner of the real property to which a fire call is made. With respect to charges for services rendered with respect to real property, if said charges remain unpaid on the first day of November next following the billing of the same, the amount shall be added to the property tax bill attributable to said real property, all in accordance with 66.0627, Wis., Statutes.**
- (e) **The specific amount of each fire or cleanup to be assessed for services rendered and equipment used under (a), above, shall be established and may thereafter be amended, from time to time, by resolution of the town board.**

Section 2: False Alarm costs to be assessed.

In the event that the Fire Department responds to what is determined to be a false alarm, the first such response to a parcel of real estate within a twelve (12) month period of time shall not be charged to the real estate. However, the costs of the second such call and each subsequent call within twelve (12) months of the first such call shall be charged to the parcel of real estate in question. Charges shall be

assessed in accord with the schedule under Section 1 (a), subject to the limitation under Section 1 (b).

Section 3: SEPARABILITY

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

Section 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and posting as provided by law and supercedes any other fire department billing policies.

The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under Wis. Stat. § 60.80.

Adopted this 9th day of August 2021.

Signatures of Town Officials:

Town Chairman: Daniel Fehn

Town Supervisor: Matthew Booda

Town Supervisor: Wade Clement

Town Clerk: Vicki Freberg