

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA  
POLK COUNTY WISCONSIN**

**CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**CHAPTER 5  
FIRE PROTECTION AND FIRE INSPECTIONS**

The Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola, Polk County, Wisconsin, hereby ordains as follows:

**5.01 FIRE ASSOCIATION.**

Fire protection in the Town shall be provided by Allied Emergency Services.

**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 CALLS FROM DEPARTMENTS OTHER THAN AUTHORIZED FIRE DEPARTMENTS.** The Town shall provide fire protection services through Allied Emergency Services. Any property owner requesting fire protection directly from a fire department other than the Allied Emergency Services 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.

(3) **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 §66.0627(4), Wis. Stats.

**5.03 FIRE INSPECTIONS.**

(1) The Fire Chief and Assistant Chiefs of the Fire Department serving the Town or applicable portion thereof shall serve as the Fire Inspectors for the Town of Osceola. The Fire Inspectors shall have the power to appoint one or more deputy Fire Inspectors and shall perform all duties required of the Fire Inspectors by the laws and rules of Wisconsin, particularly Wis. Stat. § 101.14.

(2) While acting as Fire Inspector pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 101.14, the Fire Chief, or any officers of their Fire Department designated by the Fire Chief, shall have the right and authority to enter any public building or place of employment or upon any premises in the Town of Osceola at all reasonable hours for the purpose of making inspections or investigations which, under the Town's Ordinances, he/she may deem necessary. Should the Fire Inspector find that any provisions of the Town's Ordinance or any applicable law relating to fire hazards and prevention of fires are being violated, or that a fire hazard exists which should be eliminated, it shall be his/her duty to give such directions for the abatement of such conditions as he/she shall deem necessary and, if such directions are not complied with, to report such noncompliance to his/her Fire Chief and to the Town Board for further action.

(3) The owner of any property in which a fire hazard exists or which is in violation of any law relating to fire hazards and prevention of fires shall be solely responsible for the costs and expenses incurred to remove the fire hazard and/or bring their property in compliance with such laws.

(4) The Fire Inspector shall reinspect a property if it fails its initial inspection. There shall be no cost for the second inspection, but if the property owner fails this second inspection as well, the property owner may be charged a fee up to \$100.00 for each additional inspection thereafter.

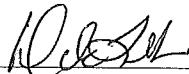
(5) It shall be the duty of the Fire Chief or his or her designee to inspect all public buildings and places of employment at least once per calendar year pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 314.01(13)(6)7, except the interior of private dwelling units, or as often as may be necessary for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any fire hazards or conditions found to be contrary to the Town's Ordinances or any other applicable law relating to such hazards or the prevention of fires. In no case shall the interval between each inspection exceed fifteen (15) months.


(6) Written reports of inspections shall be made and kept on file in the office of the Fire Chief in the manner and form required by the Wisconsin Department Safety and Professional Services.

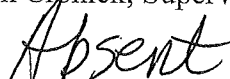
**5.04 EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication or posting as required by law.


Passed this 6th Day of September, 2022.


By the Town Board of the Town of Osceola:

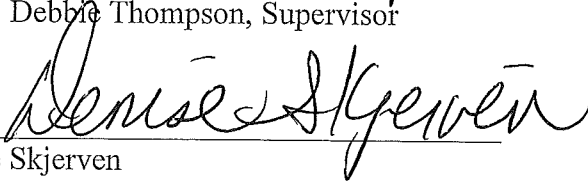
  
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**ATTEST:**   
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 Roll Call Vote  
5 Yeas; 0 Nays; \_\_\_\_ Absent/Abstain