

Ordinance: 2012-04

Charges for Fire Calls

The Town of Hamilton may seek reimbursement for fire calls on highways maintained by the State of Wisconsin PURSUANT TO Wis. Stat 60.557 (Towns); 61.65(8).

- (a) **Eligible routes:** To be eligible for reimbursement, a qualifying event must occur within the right-of-way of a state trunk highway, U.S. highway, or the interstate system or a marked detour from these routes.
- (b) **Qualifying event:** Events which qualify for reimbursement when on an eligible route include:
 - (1) Responding to extinguish a fire on a vehicle, structure or vegetation;
 - (2) Responding to handle gasoline or other hazardous materials; and
 - (3) Responding to a request for extrication equipment to remove or attempt to remove individuals trapped in vehicles as the result of a crash on an eligible highway.
- (c) **Amount of Reimbursement:** Actual costs, not to exceed \$500 per qualifying event, may be reimbursed when fire equipment responds to a qualifying event even if the fire equipment is not actually used. Actual costs eligible for reimbursement must be reduced by any recovery of costs from, or on behalf of, the person to whom the services are provided.

Procedure for Collecting Costs on Qualifying Fire Calls under Town of Hamilton Ord. #2012-03

- 1) After responding to a fire call that appears to be a qualifying event under Town of Hamilton Ordinance 2012-03, the Fire Chief will provide the Town of Hamilton Clerk with information regarding such call;
- 2) Information to be provided to the Clerk will include the location of the call, the responding law enforcement agency or agencies, an itemization of the actual costs to the fire department and any other information known regarding the event or individuals involved in the event;
- 3) The Town of Hamilton Clerk will perform an open records request to the appropriate law enforcement agency in order to obtain any additional information regarding the qualifying event;
- 4) Upon receipt of the information requested pursuant to the open records request, the Clerk will send a letter to the responsible person and/or the responsible insurer, along with an invoice for costs associated with the fire call, for payment;
- 5) If the Clerk does not receive payment within 30 days from the date of the first collection letter, the Clerk will send out a second and final letter containing the same information;
- 6) If the Clerk does not receive payment within 30 days of the second letter, the Clerk shall complete the State Truck Highway Fire Call Claim form and send the completed form to the appropriate municipal Clerk for signature;
- 7) The municipal Clerk shall return the signed form to the Town of Hamilton Clerk who will submit the form and all necessary attachments to the State of Wisconsin for reimbursement.

Following passage by the Town Board, this ordinance shall take effect the day after the date of publication or posting as provided by sec. 60.80, Wis Stats.

Adopted by the Hamilton Town Board of the Township of Hamilton, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, this 25th day of October, 2012.

Richard Schomburg, Town Chairman

Attest Sara Schultz, Town Clerk

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