

**ORDINANCE #0721-2020**  
**TOWN OF CASSEL**  
**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES**

It is hereby ordained by the Town Board of the Town of Cassel, Marathon County, Wisconsin, as follows:

Section 1. Authority: This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted town boards under s. 60.55(2)(b), Wis. Stats. which allows towns to recover the cost of fire calls made to property within the town.

Section 2. Liability for Fire Protection Costs: The Town of Cassel, Marathon County, Wisconsin, hereby imposes a charge for each fire call made within the limits of the Town of \$1,000. All property owners are responsible for up to \$1,000 on each fire call on dwellings or other buildings. Such fee shall not exceed the actual cost to the Town for the fire call or \$1,000 whichever is less. All property and landowners shall be liable for 100% of all costs incurred for grass, woods or brush fires. Having a burning permit shall not absolve the owners of these charges. If the call is to real estate located within the Town, the charges shall be imposed on all owners of the real estate to which the particular fire call is made. In the event that a fire call is not made to real estate located within the Town, but is instead made to a vehicle located on a public road within the Town, the charges provided for under this ordinance shall be imposed on all owners of such vehicle at 100%.

Section 3. Payment of Fire Call Fee: The fire call charges provided for in this ordinance shall be paid in full to the Treasurer of the Town of Cassel no later than 60 days after the date of the particular fire call. The failure to pay the bill within 60 days will result in interest being charged at the rate of 1 1/2 percent per month from the date of the bill. Those bills for fire calls to real estate, including interest, that remain outstanding for more than 90 days as of November 1 of any year shall become a lien against the real estate and shall be placed on the tax roll as a delinquent special charge under s. 66.0627, Wis. Stat.

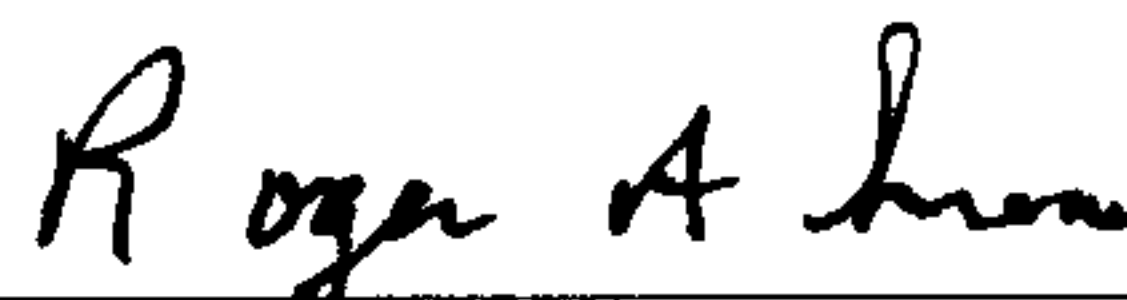
Section 4. Liability for Fire Calls from Fire Departments Other than Authorized Fire Departments: It is the policy of the Town of Cassel to contract with the following fire departments, Village of Marathon City Fire Department and/or Village of Edgar Fire Department. Any property owner requesting fire protection directly from any fire department other than those listed above shall be responsible for the full costs billed to the town resulting from the fire call. This section shall not apply to the costs of any other department responding at the request of an authorized department under a mutual aid agreement.

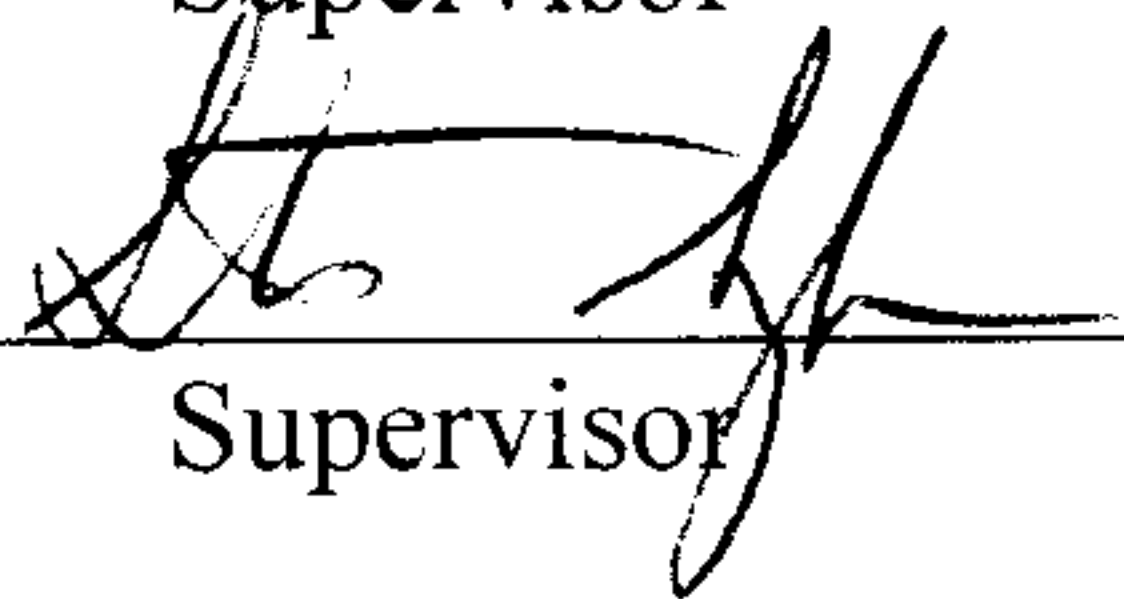
Section 5. Severability: Should any section or provisions of this ordinance be declared invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and posting, as provided by law, pursuant to s. 60.80, Wis. Stat.

Date of Passage: 1-11-2021

Signed:  Date: 1-11-2021  
Chairman

Signed:  Date: 1-11-21  
Supervisor

Signed:  Date: 1-11-21  
Supervisor

Attest:  Date: 1/11/2021  
Town Clerk