

**AMENDED**  
**Ordinance #00-1 - Fire Department Service Charges**

**WHEREAS**, 1983 Wisconsin Act 532 authorized 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 New Haven to charge the costs of such protection to property owners:

**NOW THEREFORE**: the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of New Haven does ordain as follows:

**Section 1-State Authority**

Pursuant to Section 60.55, 60.555 and 60.557 of Wisconsin Statutes., the Town of New Haven, Dunn County hereby establishes the following policy and procedure for the payment of fire department services and/or protection incurred by the Town of New Haven.

**Section 2- Liability for Fire Department Services/Protection Costs**

The property owner of real estate within the Town of New Haven for which fire department services and/or protection is provided shall be responsible for full costs billed to the Town of New Haven from the responding fire departments of Boyceville and Clear Lake called in for services from said fire department based on the following schedule:

1. Services provided by the Boyceville Fire Department, property owner is responsible for 100% of the full costs billed to the town for the fire department services and/or protection.
2. Services provided by the Clear Lake Fire Department, property owner is responsible for 100% of the full costs billed to the town for the fire department services and/or protection.

**Section 3-Liability for Fire Calls from Fire Departments Other than the Authorized Fire Departments.**

It is the policy of the Town of New Haven to contract with the fire departments listed in Section 2 above. Any property owner requesting fire protection directly from any fire department other than listed in section 2, shall be responsible for the full costs billed to the town from the fire call of any unauthorized 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.

**Section 4- Billing and Payment Procedures**

The costs of fire calls as outlined above shall be billed by the Town of New Haven Clerk to the property owner and paid to the Town Treasurer within 90 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 1 ½ % 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 said fire department services and/or protection were provided and shall be placed on the tax roll as a delinquent special charge pursuant to Section 66.60 of Wisconsin Statutes.

**Section 5-Separability of Provisions**

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 6- Effective Dates**

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

Amended this 8thth day of April, 2008 by the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of New Haven, Dunn County.

/s/ Roger Hanson  
Town Chairman

/s/ Donald Cormican  
Town Supervisor

/s/ Brian Loida  
Town Supervisor

Posted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2008

/s/  
Diane Duerst, Town Clerk