

**TOWN**  
**Of**  
**ST. CROIX FALLS**  
**Polk County, Wisconsin**

**ORDINANCE No. 17-01**

**Fire Inspection Cooperation**

**Section 1. Purpose**

Section 101.14(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes requires the chief of the fire department to inspect all public buildings and places of employment to eliminate fire hazards. The purpose of this ordinance is to require property owners to fully cooperate with such inspections and to require property owners to reimburse the cost of such inspections.

**Section 2. Authority**

The Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority to adopt this Ordinance under Wisconsin Statutes section 60.555 [fire safety regulations], section 60.10 (2)(c) [village powers], and section 61.34(1) [authority to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public].

**Section 3. Definitions**

For purposes of this ordinance, public buildings and places of employment shall mean those premises defined in section 101.01 (12) Wisconsin Statutes.

**Section 4. Cooperation Required.**

Every owner of a public building or place of employment in the Town shall cooperate fully with the required fire inspection and shall provide access to the inspector at any reasonable time requested by the inspector.

**Section 5. Purpose of Fire Inspection.**

The purpose of the fire inspection shall be to determine and require elimination of any fire hazard or any violation of law relating to fire hazards or to the prevention of fires as specified in §101.14 (2) (b) Wis. Stats.

## **Section 6. Report of Violations.**

If the fire inspector finds any violation of law or any conditions that creates a fire hazard, the inspector shall issue a report, in writing, that details the findings, sets forth the required corrective action, and sets a reasonable date by which the remedial action is required. The required completion date shall be reasonable taking into account the necessary equipment, tools, time, labor and skill required to complete the remedial action.

## **Section 7. Subsequent Inspections.**

- a. If it has been determined that there was a violation of law or a hazardous condition that must be eliminated, the fire inspector shall conduct a second inspection immediately after the deadline for the corrective action. If all necessary and appropriate corrective action has been taken, no further action is necessary.
- b. If the necessary corrective action has not been completed by the date of the second inspection, the fire inspector shall set a new date for completion and the building owner shall be assessed an inspection fee as set forth in the Town of St. Croix Falls Schedule of Fees.
- c. The building owner shall pay an additional fee for each day of delay in accomplishing the required corrective action after the third inspection, if any.

## **Section 8. Fire Inspection Fees.**

- a. Fire inspection and prevention fees shall be charged to the property owner of all public buildings and places of employment for the inspection of such buildings, structures and premises in the Town in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes. These fees shall apply to taxable property and tax exempt property alike.
- b. The amount of the fee is set forth in Town of St. Croix Falls Schedule of Fees.
- c. Any such fees imposed under the terms of this ordinance shall constitute a special charge for current services against the property pursuant to section 66.0627 of the Wisconsin Statutes and shall be invoiced to property owners in July of each year. Any fees remaining unpaid as of November 1 of each year, plus an administrative charge of \$25 per invoice, shall be placed on the annual tax roll for collection as a special charge.

**Section 9. Severability.**

If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such finding shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

**Section 10. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect March 16, 2017.

Adopted March 15, 2017, by Resolution 17-09.

Attest:

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/s/James H. Beistle, Chairperson

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/s/Janet Krueger, Clerk