

**TOWN OF CALEDONIA**  
**Ordinance No. 062325A**

**ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 050896A  
AND RECREATING ORDINANCE COVERING FEES FOR FIRE/RESCUE CALLS**

The Town Board of the Town of Caledonia, Columbia County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

Ordinance No. 050896-A of the Town of Caledonia is hereby repealed and a new ordinance is hereby recreated in its place covering fees charged for fire/rescue calls, to provide as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Caledonia contains a portion of the Interstate System, Highways 90/94, as well as state highways, county roads and town roads;

**AND WHEREAS**, the fire/rescue departments that serve the Town charge the Town for all fire/rescue calls to premises as well as highways/roads and waterways located within the Town; those costs being assessed against the Town of Caledonia, as well as the taxpayers thereof;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Town, through this Ordinance intends to provide that charges incurred by the Town for fire/rescue calls to accident scenes and properties within the Town are to be charged back to the owners of the vehicles and/or particular landowners, and/or other responsible party(s) involved:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town Board of the Town of Caledonia, Columbia County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

- 1) **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a fee to recover the costs of those fire/rescue calls made by fire/rescue departments to premises, as well as to highways/roads and waterways within the Town of Caledonia, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes.
- 2) **FIRE/RESCUE CALL FEE:** The Town of Caledonia hereby imposes a fee, equal to the invoice that the Town receives from the fire/rescue department, for each fire/rescue call within the Town made by the fire/rescue department that has responded to that call. For fire/rescue calls made to vehicles located in the Town, the fee charged shall be imposed on all owners of that vehicle that is involved in the fire/rescue call. For fire/rescue calls made to any parcel of real estate located within the Town, the fee shall be charged to all of the owners of that real estate. For calls made to a waterway, the fee shall be charged to the individual(s) who received such fire/rescue service.
- 3) **PAYMENT OF FIRE/RESCUE CALL FEE:** In each case, the fire/rescue call fee charges under this Ordinance shall be paid in full to the Town of Caledonia no later than 60 days after the date that the first bill is sent for that particular fire/rescue call. If not paid within that period, then such fire/rescue call fee shall be deemed to be delinquent and an action shall be brought by the Town to recover such fire/rescue call fees.

4) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR DELINQUENT FIRE/RESCUE CALL FEE: If the fire/rescue call is to a parcel of real estate located within the Town and full payment of the fire/rescue call fee is not made within the above described 60-day period, then such delinquent fee shall become a lien on the real estate where the fire/rescue occurs and shall be placed on the tax roll as a special charge under Wisconsin Statutes.

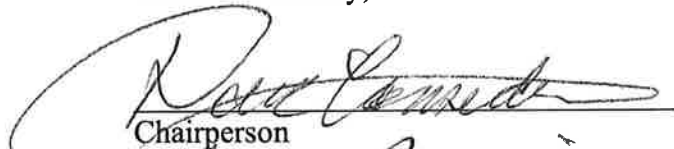
5) DISPUTE OF CHARGES: Any dispute, regarding any charges imposed by the Town under this Ordinance, shall be referred to the Town Board, for its consideration.

6) SEVERABILITY: Should any section, paragraph, phrase, sentence, or clause of the ordinance be declared invalid, or unconstitutional for any reason, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

7) EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance replaces any previous Ordinance which sets fees for fire/rescue calls. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and posting and publication, as provided by law.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2025

By the Town Board of the Town of Caledonia,  
Columbia County, Wisconsin

  
Chairperson

  
Supervisor

  
Supervisor

Attest:   
Clerk

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