

ORDINANCE # 148

The Village of Otisville Ordains that:

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CHARGES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES UNDER MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 33 OF 1951, AMENDED AND TO PROVIDE METHODS FOR COLLECTION OF SUCH CHARGES AND EXEMPTIONS THEREFROM.

Section 1. PURPOSE

This ordinance is adopted for the purpose of providing financial assistance to Forest Township in the operation of a fire department from those receiving direct benefits from the fire protection service.

Section 2. CHARGES

The charges shall be consistent with the schedule of charges as adopted by the Forest Township Board for the remaining areas of Forest Township.

Section 3. PAYMENT OF FEES

All appropriate charges shall be billed to the responsible party(ies) by the Forest Township Board. Payment shall be due and payable (30) days from the date of service.

Collection of Costs:

1. Billing.

For purposes of determining the ownership of the property it shall be presumed in evidence that the person(s) to whom the property is assessed on the Township's most recent tax roll is the owner of the property. Billing of costs will be mailed to the owner(s) of the property. Billing of costs will be mailed to the owner(s) by regular mail to the address shown on the Township tax rolls. In event the charges involved are not paid by the owner(s) within thirty (30) days from the date of billing, payment shall be deemed in default of payment, and may be collected as a matured debt in any court of competent jurisdiction,

2. Delinquent Charges/Tax Lien.

In the event of delinquent charges, the Township shall have a lien upon such property for such charges and lien enforceable as a tax lien in the manner prescribed by the general laws of the State against the property, and may be collected as in the case of general property tax.

SECTION 4. Severability

This ordinance is deemed severable and if any part shall be declared invalid by any court, such judgment or decree shall affect only that part directly involved in the controversy.

SECTION 5. Penalty

Any person or persons violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by fine of up to \$100.00 or imprisonment for up to ninety days, or both. Enforcement of this Ordinance is authorized by an enforcement officer duly appointed by the Township of Forest. Each violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense for the purpose of this Section.

SECTION 6. Repealer

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Date of Effect.

This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication as set forth below.

SECTION 9. Approval and Publication

This Ordinance was approved by a vote of the Village Council, a quorum being present on 22nd day of February 1994, and ordered published in three public places in the Village of Otisville.

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Village President

Jean M. Griswold  
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