

**VILLAGE OF UNIONVILLE  
FIRE SERVICE FEE ORDINANCE  
Ordinance No. 176**

An ordinance to establish charges for fire protection services pursuant to the authority granted to Michigan Compiled Laws 41.806(a) and to provide methods for the collection of such charges and exemptions therefrom.

**THE VILLAGE OF UNIONVILLE, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN,  
ORDAINS:**

**Section 1**

**Name:** This ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Village of Unionville Fire Service Fee Ordinance".

**Section 2**

**Purpose:** This ordinance is adopted for the purposes of providing financial assistance to the township in providing fire protection service from those receiving direct benefits from the fire protection service. It is the further purpose of the within ordinance to provide for full funding of fire protection service which remains, in part, an at-large governmental expense based upon the general benefits derived by all property owners within the Village of Unionville from the provision of fire protection service to extinguish fires within the Village of Unionville and perform other emergency services.

**Section 3**

**Charges:** The following charges shall hereafter be due and payable to the township from a recipient of any fire services provided by the township, said services to be compensated at the rate of \$500.00 for the first two hours or any part thereof, and \$250.00 for each additional hour thereafter or any part thereof. In addition all false alarms or good intent responses shall be charged the flat fee of \$150.00.

**Section 4**

**Hazardous Situation:** In the event that a fire or hazardous situation necessitates that the fire department expend equipment or materials in excess of the standard fire run fee, the responsible party shall also be liable for the actual costs in excess of the fire run fee amount.

**Section 5**

**Assistance:** In the event that the fire department is dispatched to render assistance for any run not deemed to be a fire run, then there shall be payable to the township from the recipient of said assistance, a fee of \$250.00.

## Section 6

**Change of Fees:** The Township Board, by resolution, may periodically alter the fees and charges set forth in Sections 3, 4 and 5 of this Ordinance to accommodate increased costs incurred for fire protection services.

## Section 7

**Payment of Charges:** All charges for fire services shall be due and payable within 30 days from the date the service is billed.

## Section 8

**Collection of Charges:** The Akron, Columbia Wisner and The Village of Unionville Fire Department on behalf of the Village of Unionville may proceed in the Tuscola County District Court of competent jurisdiction to collect any charges remaining unpaid and shall have any and all other remedies provided by law for the collection of said charges. Proceeding in the Tuscola County District Court may be within the small claims jurisdiction.

## Section 9

**Exemption:** The following properties and services shall be exempt from the foregoing charges:

- A. Fires caused by railroad trains, which are the specific statutory responsibility of railroad companies.
- B. Fire involving Township buildings, grounds and/or property.

## Section 10

**Non-Exclusive Charges:** The foregoing rates and charges shall not be exclusive of the charges that may be made by the Village for the costs and expenses for maintaining fire protection service, but shall be only supplemental thereto. Charges may additionally be collected by the Village through general taxation after a vote of the electorate approving the same or by a special assessment established under the Michigan statute pertaining thereto. General fund appropriations may also be made to cover such additional costs and expenses.



Section 11

**Multiple Property Protection:** When a particular service rendered by the township directly benefits more than one person or property, the owner of each property so benefited and each person so benefited where property protection is not involved shall be liable for the payment for the full charge for such service hereinbefore outlined. The interpretation and application of the within section is hereby delegated to the Village of Unionville President or the President's designee, subject only to appeal, within the time limits for payment, to the Township Board and shall be administered so that charges shall only be collected from the recipients of the services.

Section 12

**Severability:** Should any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

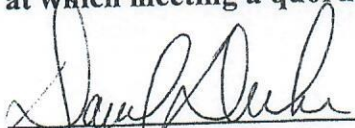
Section 13

**Effective Date:** This Ordinance shall be effective 30 days after publication in a newspaper circulating within the Village of Unionville, Tuscola County, Michigan.

HEREBY ADOPTED by the Village of Unionville Board  
On the 16th day of June, 2008

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above Village of Unionville Ordinance No. 146 was duly adopted by the Board of the Village of Unionville, at which meeting a quorum was present.



Village of Unionville President

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_



Village of Unionville Clerk

Dated: 6-16-08