

**VILLAGE OF OXFORD
MARQUETTE COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

ORDINANCE #2022-1 FIRE DISTRICT AUTHORITY

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VILLAGE OF OXFORD ORDINANCE SEC. 30-21,
WHICH ESTABLISHES THE AUTHORITY OF THE FIRE DISTRICT
AT FIRES AND FIRE INSPECTION DUTIES**

The **VILLAGE OF OXFORD**, Marquette County, State of Wisconsin, DOES ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 30-21. An Ordinance entitled "**Fire district authority; investigation of fires.**" is hereby Amended to read as follows:

(a) ***Authority at fires.***

- (1) The chief and assistants or officers in command at any fire are hereby vested with full and complete police authority at fires. Any officer of the district may cause the arrest of any person failing to give the right-of-way to the fire district in responding to a fire.
- (2) The fire chief may prescribe certain limits in the vicinity of any fire within which no persons, excepting firefighters and police officers and those admitted by order of any officer of the district, shall be permitted to come.
- (3) The chief shall have the power to cause the removal of any property whenever it shall become necessary for the preservation of such property from fire or to prevent the spreading of fire or to protect the adjoining property, and during the progress of any fire the chief shall have the power to cause the removal of all wires or other facilities and the turning off of all electricity or other services where the same impedes the work of the district during the progress of a fire.

(b) ***Fire inspection duties.***

- (1) The fire chief, or designee, shall be the fire inspector of the village and shall have the power to appoint one or more deputy fire inspectors and shall perform all duties required of the fire inspectors by the laws of the state and rules of the state department of safety and professional services, particularly Wis. Stats. § 101.14.
- (2) While acting as fire inspector pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 101.14(2), the fire chief, or any officer of the fire district designated by the fire chief, shall have the right and authority to enter any building or upon any premises in the village at all reasonable hours for the purpose of making inspections or investigations which, under the provisions of this Code, the chief may deem necessary. Should the fire inspector find that any provisions of this Code relating to fire hazards and prevention of fires are being violated, or that a fire hazard exists which should be eliminated, it shall be the chief's duty to give such directions for the abatement of such conditions as the chief shall deem necessary and, if such directions are not complied with, to report such noncompliance to the village board for further action.

- (3) The chief of the fire district, or designee, is authorized to inspect all buildings, premises and public thoroughfares, except the interiors of private dwellings, for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions liable to cause fire, or any violations of any law or ordinance relating to the fire hazard or to the prevention of fires.

(a) Such inspections shall be made at least once annually.

- (4) Written reports of inspections shall be made and kept on file in the office of the chief of the fire district in the manner and form required by the state department of safety and professional services. A copy of such reports shall be filed with the fire chief.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required pursuant to law.

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Oxford on May 4, 2022.

Erwin Meyer, Village President

Attest:

Shannon McMullin, Village Clerk