

**GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP  
COUNTY OF CLARE, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

***FIRE-CHARGE ORDINANCE***

ADOPTED: June 6, 2005

EFFECTIVE: July 14, 2005

An ordinance to establish charges for fire department services under Public Act 33 of 1951, as amended (Compiled Law 41.801, etc.) and to provide methods for the collection of such charges and exemptions therefrom.

THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWOOD, CLARE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

**Section 1: PURPOSE**

The within ordinance is adopted for the purpose of providing financial assistance to the township in the operation of a fire department 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 the fire department operation which remains, in part, an at-large governmental expense based upon the general benefits derived by all property owners within the township from the existence of township fire department protection services provided by the City of Harrison and its availability to extinguish fires within the township and perform other emergency services.

**Section 2: CHARGES**

The following charges shall hereafter be due and payable to the township from a recipient of any of the following enumerated services from the township fire department service as available.

A. Aircraft Fire	\$ 500.00
B. Automobile Fire	\$ 500.00
C. Commercial Establishment Fire	\$ 500.00
D. Commercial Truck Fire	\$ 500.00
E. Forest Fire	\$ 500.00
F. Grass Fire	\$ 500.00
G. House Fire	\$ 500.00
H. Industrial or Manufacturing Establishment Fire	\$ 500.00
I. Multiple-Family Building Fire	\$ 500.00
J. Rubbish Fire	\$ 500.00
K. Other services not specifically enumerated	\$ 500.00

**Section 3: TIME FOR PAYMENT FOR RUN**

All the foregoing charges shall be due and payable within 30 days from the date the service is billed.

**Section 4: EXEMPTIONS**

- A. False alarms
- B. Fire involving township buildings, ground and/or property.

**Section 5: NON-EXCLUSIVE CHARGES**

The foregoing rates and charges shall not be exclusive of the charges that may be made by the township for the costs and expenses of maintaining a fire department, but shall be supplemental thereto. Charges may additionally be collected by the township through general taxation after a vote of the electorate approving the same or by a special assessment established under the Michigan statutes pertinent thereto. General fund appropriations may also be made to cover such additional costs and expenses.

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**Section 6: MULTIPLE PROPERTY PROTECTION**

When a particular service rendered by the township fire department service 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 of the full charge for such service hereinbefore outlined. The interpretation and application of the within section is hereby delegated to the township clerk subject only to presentation of a written 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 service.

**Section 7: SEVERABILITY**

Should the provision or part of the within ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 8: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after publication. All ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Roll Call vote: Supervisor: House Yes, Clerk: Sachen Yes, Treasurer: Lawrence Yes, Trustee: Korman Yes, Trustee: Vida Yes.

The above FIRE CHARGE ORDINANCE was hereby adopted by the Greenwood Township Board, Clare County, June 5, 2005 at a regularly scheduled meeting with 5 yeas, 0 nays recorded as the Board vote.

Dated this date June 6, 2005.

GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD

BY:   
Miles H. House, Supervisor

I, the Undersigned, Clerk of the Township of Greenwood, Clare County, Mi, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Greenwood Township Board at a Regular Board meeting on June 6, 2005. Said meeting was conducted and public notice given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and are made available as required by the Act. This Ordinance was published in the Clare County Cleaver on June 15, 2005, and was filed with the Clare County Clerk on June 15, 2005.

Dated: June 15, 2005

  
Sheila L. Sachen, Clerk