

CHAPTER 5  
THE VILLAGE BOARD  
VILLAGE OF SLINGER, WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

**ARTICLE 5.00 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

5.01 FIRE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED

The Slinger Fire Department inc. is hereby officially recognized as the Fire Department of the Village of Slinger and the duty of fire fighting and the prevention of fires in the Village is delegated to such department. Its organization and internal regulation shall be governed by the provisions of this Chapter and by such bylaws adopted by the Department except as is otherwise provided by law and ordinance.

5.02 BYLAWS

The Slinger Fire Department shall adopt bylaws for the control, management and government and for regulating the business and proceedings of the Department. Amendments shall be adopted in the same manner.

5.03 APPROPRIATIONS

The Village Board shall have a contract with the Fire Department that shall be negotiated from time to time.

5.04 POLICE POWER OF DEPARTMENT

- (A) Police Authority at Fires. The Chief and Assistant or officers in command at any fire are hereby vested with full and complete police authority at fires. Any officer of the Department may cause the arrest of any person failing to give the right-of-way to the Fire Department in responding to a fire.
- (B) Control of Fires. The Fire Chief may prescribe certain limits in the vicinity of any fire within which no persons except firemen and policemen and those admitted by order of any officer of the Department shall be permitted to come. The Chief may 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 he may order 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 Department during a fire.
- (C) Entering Premises. Any Fireman while acting under the direction of the Fire Chief or other officer in command may enter upon the premises adjacent to or in the vicinity of any building or other property then on fire for the purpose of extinguishing such fire, and if any person shall hinder, resist or obstruct any fireman in the discharge of his duty as herein provided, the person so offending shall be deemed guilty of resisting firemen in the discharge of said duties.
- (D) Correction of Fire Hazards. When any inspection by the Fire Chief or his deputies reveals a fire hazard, the Chief or his deputies may serve a notice in writing upon the owner of the property, giving such owners a reasonable time in which to remove the hazard. If the fire hazard is not removed within the time allowed, it shall be deemed a nuisance; and the Fire Chief or his deputy may have the same removed in an action by

the Village against the owner of the property and may also be entered in the tax roll as a special charge against the property.

- (E) Entering the Premises. No person except single family dwelling units shall deny the Chief or his deputies free access to any property within the Village at any reasonable time for the purpose of making fire inspections. No person shall hinder or obstruct the Fire Inspector in the performance of his duty or refuse to observe any lawful direction given by him.

#### 5.05 OUTDOOR SOLID FUEL BURNING FURNACES PROHIBITED

- (A) Definition. An outdoor solid fuel burning furnace is any equipment, device, or apparatus, or any part thereof, which is installed, affixed, or situated outdoors or in any accessory building for the primary purpose of combustion of solid fuel such as wood, coal, corn cobs, wood or coal pellets or other combustible solid fuels to produce heat or energy used as a component of a heating system providing heat for any interior space or water source.
- (B) No person shall install, or operate an outdoor solid fuel burning furnace in the Village of Slinger.
- (C) Existing Units. Outdoor solid fuel burning furnaces, existing prior to the effective date of this amendment shall be considered non-conforming units and may be continued to be operated provided they do not cause a public nuisance. Such units may be maintained to continue their operation but shall not be replaced.

#### 5.06 FALSE ALARMS FOR FIRE BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS.

- (A) Special Charge. The Owner of the property in which a fire alarm has been installed shall be subject to a special charge of \$100.00 for the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) false alarm and \$150.00 for the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) false alarm and each one there after in a 12 month period. Any such special charge may be waived by the Fire Chief if the owner can show that the false alarm was not the result of the negligence of the owner or the installing and/or maintain of the alarm system.
- (B) Collection of Special Charges. Special charges for false alarms as provided in paragraph, (A) above, shall be billed to the owner and, if not timely paid, shall be placed on the tax roll, pursuant to the provisions of Section 66.60(16), WI Stats.

#### 5.10 PENALTY

Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter or any order, rule or regulation made hereunder shall be subject to a penalty as provided in this Municipal Code.