

We, the undersigned and Community of Waterford residents, hereby declare that we DO NOT support the petition to incorporate into the Village of Tichigan for the following reasons:

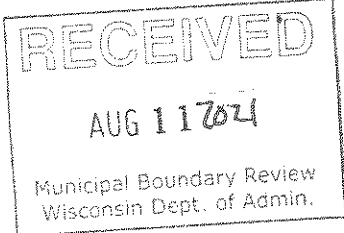
There has been a gross lack of information given to the residents concerning how this incorporation, if granted, will impact the town, village and surrounding communities. To date, there have been zero public meetings to gather information and no avenue provided by which to ask questions and have them answered.

We view all of Waterford to be our community. It is the town and village working together that makes Waterford the great place we call home. We wish to work on bringing our whole community together in unity and stop any continued actions that will cause further division.

We call on our elected officials of both the town and village to stop playing games with our community and work together to bring forth the best environment available for the citizens. This includes, but is not limited to, having joint open session meetings so there is accountability to the public they swore to serve.

We believe this incorporation will be devastating to our community as a whole and will only serve to put up permanent barriers to resolving the issues we are facing. We strongly urge you to not grant the petition for incorporation so that we can focus on finding solutions to these challenges our community faces.

Thank you!



Petition to oppose Town of Waterford Incorporation

Name	Address	Date
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Entire homogeneous compact

Attachment A Petition for Incorporation P. 2 Where is this? ADDRESSES 1.2

Chm
Boat
Structure
"tight ship"
Village
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Cots

"Incorporating the entire township is important to keep the levels of services supported by the tax base apparently as proven by ordinance proposed by TVFC (UNABLE to keep levels of services) and to be able to maintain the individual character of the community" Maintaining our individual character is exactly why we do not want to incorporate; we want to remain the Town of Waterford. And do not want to be used as a tax base to support Tichigan. Incorporating only a portion of the township would disrupt the lives of residents remaining in the unincorporated area and disrupt the provision of municipal services and create a hardship for municipal staff." P. 1 ADDRESSES 1.1

"Residents within the Tichigan community residents within the Town of Waterford (outside Tichigan, Unincorporated) do not enjoy Tichigan as their hub of activity cherish the living experience offered within the proposed incorporated limits." P. 1 ADDRESSES 1.1

"Incorporating only a portion of the township would disrupt the lives of residents remaining in the unincorporated area" Ibid. "and disrupt the provision of municipal services" disrupted by changes in services and now proven unable to provide with TVFC, for instance, residents are unsatisfied with mitigation rate proposals (see attached, distributed at July Town Meeting by TVFC, purportedly to protect taxpayers from incidents of visitors—if so, then please only charge visitors!) which we did not face when we were allied with Village of Waterford and enjoyed CUD and create a hardship please elaborate to explain what hardships? Lack of ability to use us for tax base? for municipal staff." P. 1 ADDRESSES 1.1

"The Town Board unanimously approved the petition for incorporation." The Town Board does not consider or respect the Town residents, their input, needs, and questions as evidenced by their attitude and approach at the 2021 Annual Meeting (please review online). P. 2

Stormwater
Sanitary sewer

Ibid., Living in Drainage District, we endured broken tile for years with increasing mosquito problems, failure of our septic systems, standing water over our roadways, etc. The Town Board blamed the Drainage Board instead of properly advising residents and the Drainage Board to address our concerns. We have been assessed approximately \$2million over those years for failed attempts to: 1) assess our drainage problems, 2) pump water through the Village of Waterford, 3) properly repair the tile... In the interim, individual residents have paid, in addition to the \$2million, approaching \$30k each to replace septic systems, to grade, and to landscape, etc., attempting to control the problem on our properties. Now we are threatened by incorporation to pay, additionally, tens of thousands to hook up to municipal water and sewer, when we prefer our wells and brand new septic. We are not an endless source of revenue (3 of our neighbors have fled by selling their homes this summer)! Nor do we wish to become dependent on State or Federal taxes to subsist, of which obtaining such sources seem to be a goal and aim of incorporation.

Some
* + ~~some~~ of our neighbors moved there ~~about~~ several yrs ago to escape Tichigan, Unincorporated

ORDINANCE NO: _____

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM TO CHARGE MITIGATION RATES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED/RENDERED BY/FOR THE TOWN OF WATERFORD, WISCONSIN.

WHEREAS, the emergency and non-emergency services response activity to incidents continues to increase each year; Environmental Protection requirements involving equipment and training, and Homeland Security regulations involving equipment and training, creating additional demands on all operational aspects of the fire department services; and

WHEREAS, the fire department has investigated different methods to maintain a high level of quality of emergency and non-emergency service capability throughout times of constantly increasing service demands, where maintaining an effective response by the fire department decreases the costs of incidents to insurance carriers, businesses, and individuals through timely and effective management of emergency situations, saving lives and reducing property and environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, raising real property tax to meet the increase in service demands would not be fair when the responsible party(s) should be held accountable for their actions; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Waterford desires to implement a fair and equitable procedure by which to collect said mitigation rates and shall establish a billing system in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and guidelines; Now, Therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WATERFORD, WISCONSIN:

SECTION 1: The Town of Waterford shall initiate mitigation rates for the delivery of emergency and non-emergency services by the fire department for personnel, supplies and equipment to the scene of emergency and non-emergency incidents as listed in "EXHIBIT A". The mitigation rates shall be based on actual costs of the services and that which is usual, customary and reasonable (UCR) as shown in "EXHIBIT A", which may include any services, personnel, supplies, and equipment and with baselines established by addendum to this document.

SECTION 2: A claim shall be filed to the responsible party(s) through their insurance carrier. In some circumstances, the responsible party(s) will be billed directly.

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0 (SECTION 3: The fire department's Council may make rules or regulations and from time to time may amend, revoke, or add rules and regulations, not consistent with this Section, as they may deem necessary or expedient in respect to billing for these mitigation rates or the collection thereof.

SECTION 4: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in open meetings of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in accordance with all legal requirements, and the Codified Ordinances of the Council.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days (30) from the date of adoption as permitted by law.

SECTION 6: The Mitigation Rates lists in Exhibit A will increase by 1.5% annually or based on the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as developed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, whichever is more. Rate adjustments will occur on the anniversary date of this ordinance/resolution to keep the fire department's cost recovery program in conformity with increasing operating expenses.

THE ABOVE WAS PASSED

Signature: _____

Name (printed): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A

MITIGATION RATES BASED ON PER HOUR

The mitigation rates below are average "billing levels", and are typical for the incident responses listed, however, when a claim is submitted, it may be itemized and based on the actual services provided.

These rates are based on actual costs using amortized schedules for apparatus (including useful life, equipment, repairs, and maintenance). Labor rates include an average department's actual burdened labor costs and not just a firefighter's wage. These include wages, retirement, benefits, workers comp, etc.

MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENTS

Level 1 - \$516.00

Provide hazardous materials assessment and scene stabilization. This will be the most common "billing level". This occurs almost every time the fire department responds to an accident/incident.

Level 2 - \$588.00

Includes Level 1 services as well as clean up and material used (sorbents) for hazardous fluid clean up and disposal. We will bill at this level if the fire department has to clean up any gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident/incident.

Level 3 – CAR FIRE - \$718.00

Provide scene safety, fire suppression, breathing air, rescue tools, hand tools, hose, tip use, foam, structure protection, and clean up gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident/incident.

ADD-ON SERVICES:

Extrication - \$1,550.00

Includes heavy rescue tools, ropes, airbags, cribbing etc. This charge will be added if the fire department has to free/remove anyone from the vehicle(s) using any equipment. We will not bill at this level if the patient is simply unconscious and fire department is able to open the door to access the patient. This level is to be billed only if equipment is deployed.

Creating a Landing Zone - \$474.00

Includes Air Care (multi-engine company response, mutual aid, helicopter). We will bill at this level any time a helicopter landing zone is created and/or is utilized to transport the patient(s).

Itemized Response: You have the option to bill each incident as an independent event with custom mitigation rates, for each incident using, itemized rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized per apparatus, per personnel, plus products and equipment used.

HAZMAT

Level 1 - \$832.00

Basic Response: Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, set-up and command.

Level 2 - \$2,971.00

Intermediate Response: Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, hazmat certified team and appropriate equipment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, set-up and command, Level A or B suit donning, breathing air and detection equipment. Set-up and removal of decon center.

Level 3 – \$7,012.00

Advanced Response: Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, hazmat certified team and appropriate equipment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, first responder set-up and command, Level A or B suit donning, breathing air and detection equipment and robot deployment. Set-up and removal of decon center, detection equipment, recovery and identification of material. Disposal and environment clean up. Includes above in addition to any disposal rates of material and contaminated equipment and material used at scene. Includes 3 hours of on scene time - **each additional hour @ \$336.00 per HAZMAT team.**

FIRE INVESTIGATION

Fire Investigation Team - \$327.00 per hour.

Includes:

- Scene Safety
- Investigation
- Source Identification
- K-9/Arson Dog Unit
- Identification Equipment
- Mobile Detection Unit
- Fire Report

The claim begins when the Fire Investigator responds to the incident and is billed for logged time only.

FIRES

Assignment - \$475.00 per hour, per engine / \$594.00 per hour, per truck

Includes:

- Scene Safety
- Investigation
- Fire / Hazard Control

This will be the most common "billing level". This occurs almost every time the fire department responds to an incident.

OPTIONAL: A fire department has the option to bill each fire as an independent event with custom mitigation rates.

Itemized, per person, at various pay levels and for itemized products use.

ILLEGAL FIRES

Assignment - \$475.00 per hour, per engine / \$594.00 per hour, per truck

When a fire is started by any person or persons that requires a fire department response during a time or season when fires are regulated or controlled by local or state rules, provisions or ordinances because of pollution or fire danger concerns, such person or persons will be liable for the fire department response at a cost not to exceed the actual expenses incurred by the fire department to respond and contain the fire. Similarly, if a fire is started where permits are required for such a fire and the permit was not obtained and the fire department is required to respond to contain the fire the responsible party will be liable for the response at a cost not to exceed the actual expenses incurred by the fire department. The actual expenses will include direct labor, equipment costs and any other costs that can be reasonably allocated to the cost of the response.

WATER INCIDENTS

Level 1

Basic Response: Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, first responder set-up and command, scene safety and investigation (including possible patient contact, hazard control). This will be the most common "billing level". This occurs almost every time the fire department responds to a water incident.

Billed at \$475 plus \$59 per hour, per rescue person.

Level 2

Intermediate Response: Includes Level 1 services as well as clean up and material used (sorbents), minor hazardous clean up and disposal. We will bill at this level if the fire department has to clean up small amounts of gasoline or other fluids that are spilled as a result of the incident.

Billed at \$950 plus \$59 per hour, per rescue person.

Level 3

Advanced Response: Includes Level 1 and Level 2 services as well as D.A.R.T. activation, donning breathing apparatus and detection equipment. Set up and removal of decon center, detection equipment, recovery and identification of material. Disposal and environment clean up. Includes above in addition to any disposal rates of material and contaminated equipment and material used at scene.

Billed at \$2,350 plus \$59 per hour per rescue person, plus \$119 per hour per HAZMAT team member.

Level 4

Itemized Response: You have the option to bill each incident as an independent event with custom mitigation rates for each incident using itemized rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized, per trained rescue person, plus rescue products used.

BACK COUNTRY OR SPECIAL RESCUE

Itemized Response: Each incident will be billed with custom mitigation rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized per apparatus per hour, per trained rescue person per hour, plus rescue products used.

Minimum billed \$475 for the first response vehicle plus \$59 per rescue person. Additional rates of \$475 per hour per response vehicle and \$59 per hour per rescue person.

CHIEF RESPONSE

This includes the set-up of Command, and providing direction of the incident. This could include operations, safety, and administration of the incident.

Billed at \$297 per hour.

MISCELLANEOUS / ADDITIONAL TIME ON-SCENE

ADDITIONAL TIME ON-SCENE (for all levels of service)

Engine billed at \$475 per hour.

Truck billed at \$594 per hour.

Miscellaneous equipment billed at \$357.

MITIGATION RATE NOTES

The mitigation rates above are average "billing levels" for one hour of service, and are typical for the incident responses listed, however, when a claim is submitted, it may be itemized and based on the actual services provided.

These average mitigation rates were determined by itemizing costs for a typical run (from the time a fire apparatus leaves the station until it returns to the station) and are based on the actual costs, using amortized schedules for apparatus (including useful life, equipment, repairs, and maintenance) and labor rates (an average department's "actual personnel expense" and not just a firefighter's basic wage). The actual personnel expense includes costs such as wages, retirement, benefits, workers comp, insurance, etc.