

**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
Town of Farmington  
La Crosse County**

Ordinance 4-2012

**SECTION I – TITLE AND PURPOSE**

This ordinance is entitled the Town of Farmington Fire Department Volunteer Funds Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the town fire department to hold "volunteer funds" in the name of the fire department.

**SECTION II – AUTHORITY**

The Town Board of the Town of Farmington, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under s. 66.0608, Wis. Stats. to adopt this ordinance.

**SECTION III – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, authorizes the town fire department to hold volunteer funds in the name of the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department as provided in this ordinance.

**SECTION IV – DEFINITIONS**

In this ordinance:

- A. "Public depository" means a federal or state credit union, federal or state savings and loan association, state bank, savings and trust company, federal or state savings bank, or national bank in this state that receives or holds any public deposits or the local government pooled-investment fund.
- B. "Volunteer funds" means funds of a municipality that are raised by employees of the town's fire department, by volunteers, or by donation to the fire department for the benefit of the fire department.

**SECTION V – ACCOUNTS**

The elected treasurer of the firefighters, or the Fire Chief is authorized to deposit volunteer funds of the department in an account in the name of the fire department in First National Bank, or any public depository approved by the Town Board. The fire department, through the elected treasurer of the firefighters, or the Fire Chief, shall have exclusive control over the expenditure of volunteer funds of the department, subject to Section VI.

**SECTION VI - LIMITATIONS ON ACCOUNTS**

- A. 1. The type of funds that may be deposited into the account described in Section V is restricted to: proceeds from fundraisers, donations from individuals, businesses, foundations and organizations.
- 2. The amount of funds that may be deposited into the account described in Section V is limited to \$25,000.
- B. 1. The amount of withdrawals of volunteer funds from the account described in Section V that may be made is limited to \$10,000 per quarter without consent of the Town Board.
- 2. The purposes for which withdrawals of volunteer funds from the account described in Section V may be made are limited as follows:
  - a. Withdrawals and expenditures may be made for any purpose that promotes the ability of the fire department to provide services for which it is organized as determined by a majority vote of the members of the fire department.
  - b. Scholarships, support of agencies that support the fire department's function, i.e. Salvation Army, American Red Cross, etc.
- C. The Farmington Volunteer Fire Department is subject to the following reporting and auditing requirements:

1. The elected treasurer of the firefighters or the Fire Chief shall provide the town board with quarterly statements of the department's volunteer funds as of the end of March, June, September, and December of each calendar year. The statements shall be provided within 30 calendar days of the end of the calendar quarter. The statements shall include a detailed itemization of all receipts, expenditures, and the balance on hand at the end of the quarter. The source of all funds and the identity of the payee for each disbursement shall be set forth.
2. Fire department accounts shall be included in the annual audit of town funds and shall be audited in the same manner as other town funds.

#### SECTION VII - SEVERABILITY

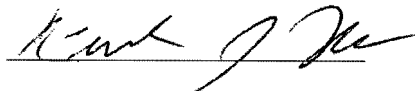
If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

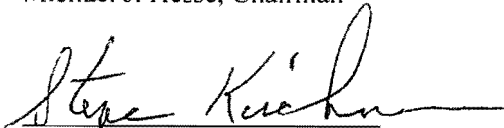
#### SECTION VIII – EFFECTIVE DATE

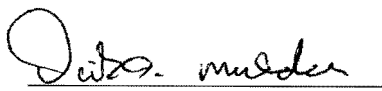
This ordinance is effective on publication or posting.

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wis. stats.

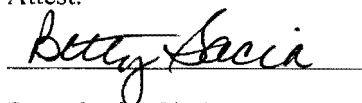
Adopted this 4th day of September 2012.

  
Michael J. Hesse, Chairman

  
Steve Kirchner, East Supervisor

  
Dirk Mulder, West Supervisor

Attest:

  
Betty Sacia, Clerk