

## Chapter 42

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Middle Inlet as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

#### ARTICLE I

#### **Volunteer Fire Department [Adopted 1-14-1999]**

##### **§ 42-1. Department established.**<sup>1</sup>

This article shall create and establish the Middle Inlet Volunteer Fire Department as a Municipal Fire Department according to § 60.55, Wis. Stats. This Fire Department and all equipment therein is and shall always be owned by the Town of Middle Inlet.

##### **§ 42-2. General provisions.**

- A. Governance will be in accord with the Fire Department Constitution and Bylaws, as long as these do not violate any part of this article. No changes shall be made in the Constitution or Bylaws or shall take effect without the approval of the majority of the Middle Inlet Town Board at a public meeting.
- B. The Town of Middle Inlet shall annually provide a budget for the Fire Department for its operation.
- C. The Middle Inlet Fire Department shall keep records of all expenditures and all donations, fund-raisers and any and all income and shall annually turn over a copy of this report to the Town Board of Middle Inlet for its inspection.
- D. Any volunteer firefighter responding to a fire in his/her vehicle shall hold a valid driver's license and such vehicle shall be insured.
- E. All firefighters must be certified.
- F. There shall be an incident report filed for each fire call responded to.
- G. The Fire Chief is granted limited police powers in regard to protecting the life and health of the public, determining the cause of the fire and conducting emergency operations.

#### ARTICLE II

#### **Volunteer Funds [Adopted 9-11-2008; amended in its entirety 3-11-2010]**

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<sup>1</sup>. Editor's Note: Original Sec. 3-2-1, Title/purpose, Sec. 3-2-2, Authority, and Sec. 3-2-3, Adoption of ordinance, which previously preceded this section, were deleted at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II).

**§ 42-3. Purpose and authority.**

This article is enacted pursuant to the authority of § 66.0608, Wis. Stats., for the purpose of authorizing "volunteer funds" to be held in the name of the Fire Department Auxiliary. This article is to be interpreted in conformance with that section as it may be amended from time to time.

**§ 42-4. Deposit of funds.**

The Town Board of the Town of Middle Inlet does hereby authorize the Fire Department Auxiliary, through its President, or designate, to deposit volunteer funds of the Fire Department Auxiliary in a checking account in the name of the Fire Department Auxiliary, in any public depository of its choice. This account balance will be limited to \$2,000.

**§ 42-5. Control of funds.**

The Fire Department Auxiliary, through its President, is granted exclusive control over the expenditure of funds of the Fire Department Auxiliary. This authority is granted with limitation as to the amount of funds as authorized by the Town Board. It is subject to the limitations and requirements hereinafter set forth.

**§ 42-6. Limitations and requirements.**

The following limitations and requirements shall apply to the handling and disbursement of funds from the account:

- A. Expenditures. Expenditures withdrawn from the account may be made only upon majority vote of the Fire Department Auxiliary members present at a duly noticed meeting of the Fire Department Auxiliary. Such withdrawals and expenditures may be made for the purpose that promotes the ability of the Fire Department Auxiliary to provide operational expenses for which it was organized.
- B. Accountings. The Fire Department Auxiliary President shall provide the Town Board with semiannual statements at the end of June and December of each calendar year. These statements shall be provided within 30 days of the end of each statement period. These statements shall include a detailed itemization of all receipts, expenditures, and the balance on hand at the end of each statement period. The source of all funds and the identity of the payee for each disbursement shall be set forth.
- C. Audit. The Fire Department Auxiliary account shall be included in the annual audit of Town funds. It shall be audited in the same manner as other Town funds.