

**TOWN OF OXFORD**  
**ORDINANCE NUMBER 45**  
**FIRE PROTECTION ORDINANCE**

The Board of the Town of Oxford, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1: TITLE AND PURPOSE**

The title of this ordinance is the Town of Oxford Fire Protection Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to set guidelines and or regulations for fire protection services in the Town of Oxford.

**SECTION 2: IMPEDING FIRE EQUIPMENT**

No person shall impede the progress of a fire engine, fire truck or other fire apparatus of the fire district along the town roads in the Town of Oxford at the time of a fire.

**SECTION 3: FIRE INSPECTION DUTIES**

1. The fire chief, or designee, shall be the fire inspector of the Town of Oxford and shall have the power to appoint one or more deputy fire inspectors and shall perform all duties required of the fire inspectors by the laws of the State of Wisconsin and rules of the State Department of Safety and Professional Services, particularly Wis. Stats. 101.14.
2. While acting as fire inspector pursuant to Wis. Stats. 101.14(2), the fire chief, or any officer of the fire district designated by the fire chief, shall have the right and authority to enter any building or upon any premises in the Town of Oxford at all reasonable hours for the purpose of making inspections or investigations which, under the provisions of this Code, the chief may deem necessary. Should the fire inspector find that any provisions of this Code relating to fire hazards and prevention of fires are being violated, or that a fire hazard exists which should be eliminated, it shall be the fire chief's duty to give such directions for the abatement of such conditions as the fire chief shall deem necessary and, if such directions are not complied with, to report such noncompliance to the Town of Oxford Town Board for further action.
3. The fire chief of the fire district, or designee, is authorized to inspect all buildings, premises, and public thoroughfares, except the interiors of private dwellings, for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions liable to cause fire, or any violations of any law or ordinance relating to the fire hazard or to the prevention of fires.
4. Such inspections shall be made at least once annually.
5. Reports of inspections shall be made and kept on file in the office of the chief of the fire district in the manner and form required by the State of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services.

**SECTION 4: AUTHORITY AND ADOPTION**

This ordinance, adopted pursuant to Wis. Stat. 101.14, by a majority vote of the Town Board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having ben given, provides for the Town to regulate fire protection and inspections in the Town.

**SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this ordinance or it application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or application 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 6: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance is effective on posting to the Town Hall notice box and Town of Oxford website.

The town clerk shall properly post this ordinance as required under Wis. Stat. 60.80.

Adopted by the Town Board this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022

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Keith Wohlfert, Chairman

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Greg Goodhue, Supervisor

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Steve Klump, Supervisor

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Attest: Mary P. Walters, Town Clerk