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ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING
FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES

WHEREAS, 1983 Wisconsin Act 532 authorizes Towns to charge property owners a portion or all of the costs of fire protection;

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the Town of Mecan to charge the costs of such protection to property owners;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Mecan, does ordain as follows:

SEC. 1 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Pursuant to Sec. 60.55, 60.555, and 60.557 of Wisconsin Statutes the Town of Mecan, Marquette County hereby establishes the following policy and procedure for the payment of fire costs incurred by the Town of Mecan.

SEC. 2 LIABILITY FOR FIRE PROTECTION COSTS:

The property owners of real estate and the property owners of personal property within the Town of Mecan for which fire protection is provided shall be responsible for the costs of the fire calls made to their property by the Princeton Fire District as billed by the Princeton Fire District.

SEC. 3 LIABILITY FOR FIRE CALLS FROM FIRE DEPARTMENTS OTHER THAN AUTHORIZED FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

It is the policy of the Town of Mecan to contract with the fire department listed in Section 2 above. Any property owner of real estate or property owner of personal property requesting fire protection directly from any fire department other than

listed in Section 2, shall be responsible for the full costs billed to the town from the fire call from any unauthorized fire department. This section shall not apply to the costs of any other department responding at the request of an authorized department under mutual aid.

SEC. 4 BILLING AND PAYMENT PROCEDURE:

The costs of fire calls as outlined above shall be billed by the Town Clerk to the property owner of real estate or the property owner of personal property and paid to the Town Treasurer within 60 days of the date of the bill. The failure to pay the bill within 60 days will result in interest being charged at the rate of 1 1/2 percent per month from the date of the bill. Those bills remaining outstanding, including interest, for more than 90 days as of November 1 of any year shall become a lien against the real estate or a lien against the personal property for which fire protection was provided and shall be placed on the tax roll as a delinquent special charge pursuant to Sec. 66.60 of Wis. Statutes.

SEC. 5 SEPARABILITY OF PROVISIONS:

Should any section or provisions of this ordinance be declared invalid, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SEC. 6 EFFECTIVE DATE:

This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and posting as provided by law.

Adopted this 11th day of August, 1987 by the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Mecan, Marquette County, Wisconsin.

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TOWN CHAIRMAN

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TOWN SUPERVISOR

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Filed this 11 day of August, 1987

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TOWN CLERK