

## CHAPTER 5

### FIRE PROTECTION

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**5.01 FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT.** Fire protection and fire inspection are provided to the Village by the Fire Department of the Village of Hazel Green and Town of Hazel Green Fire District, pursuant to an agreement between the Village and the Town of Hazel Green.

**5.02 POLICE POWER OF DEPARTMENT.** (1) **POLICE AUTHORITY AT FIRES.** The Fire Chief of the Hazel Green Fire Department or officers in command at any fire are hereby vested with full and complete police authority at fires. Any officer of the Department may cause the arrest of any person failing to give the right of way to the Fire Department in responding to a fire.

(2) **CONTROL OF FIRES.** The Fire Chief may prescribe certain limits in the vicinity of any Village fire within which no persons except firemen and policemen and those admitted by order of any officer of the Department shall be permitted to come. The Chief may cause the removal of any property whenever it shall become necessary for the preservation of such property from fire, or to prevent the spreading of fire, or to protect the adjoining property, and during the progress of any fire he may order the removal or destruction of any property necessary to prevent the further spread of the fire. He may also cause the removal of all wires or other facilities and the turning off of all electricity or other services where the same impedes the work of the Department during a fire.

(3) **ENTERING PREMISES.** Any fireman, while acting under the direction of the Fire Chief or other officer in command, may enter upon the premises adjacent to or in the vicinity of any building or other property in the Village then on fire for the purpose of extinguishing such fire, and no person shall hinder, resist or obstruct any fireman in the discharge of his duty.

(4) **DUTIES OF BYSTANDERS.** Every person present at a fire shall be subject to the orders of the Fire Chief or officer in command and may be required to render assistance in fighting the fire or in removing or guarding property. Such officer may cause the arrest of any person refusing to obey such orders.

(5) **INJURY TO EQUIPMENT PROHIBITED.** No person shall willfully injure any hose, hydrant or fire apparatus belonging to the Department; and no vehicle or railroad equipment shall be driven over any unprotected hose of the Fire Department when laid down on any street, private driveway, track or other place to be used at any fire or alarm of fire without the consent of the Fire Department official in command.

**5.03 FIRE INSPECTOR.** (1) **FIRE CHIEF TO BE FIRE INSPECTOR.** The Fire Chief shall hold the office of Village Fire Inspector with power to appoint one or more deputy fire inspectors, who shall perform the same duties and have the same powers as the Fire Inspector.

(2) **POWERS AND DUTIES.** The Fire Inspector shall make such inspections as may be necessary to ascertain the compliance of the owners or occupants of private premises with the provisions of this chapter, and he may enter any building or upon any premises at any reasonable

hour for the purpose of such inspection.

(3) **WRITTEN RECORD OF INSPECTIONS.** The Chief shall keep a written record card of each property inspection which shall conform to the requirements of the State Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations, and shall make the semiannual report of inspections required by the Department.

(4) **CORRECTION OF FIRE HAZARDS.** (Amended 14-99). When any inspection by the Fire Inspector or his deputies reveals a fire hazard, the Inspector or his deputies may serve a notice, in writing, upon the owner of the property, giving such owner a reasonable time in which to remove the hazard. If the fire hazard is not removed within the time allowed, it shall be deemed a nuisance and the Fire Inspector or his deputies may issue a citation in accordance with the penalty provision set forth in Section 5.05 and may have the same removed by the Village. The cost of such removal shall be recovered in an action by the Village against the owner of the property and may also be entered on the tax roll as a special charge against the property pursuant to ss. 66.60(16), Wis. Stats.

(5) **ENTERING ON PREMISES.** No person shall deny the Fire Inspector or his deputies free access to any property within the village at any reasonable time for the purpose of making fire inspections. No person shall hinder or obstruct the Fire Inspector in the performance of his duty or refuse to observe any lawful direction given by him.

**5.05 PENALTY.** Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter or any order, rule or regulation made hereunder shall be subject to a penalty as provided in sec. 20.04 of this Code.