

**TOWN OF ALDEN
POLK COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR FIRE INSPECTIONS

The Town Board of the Town of Alden, Polk County, Wisconsin, hereby ordains as follows:

1. The Fire Chief and Assistant Chiefs of the Fire Department serving the Town or applicable portion thereof shall serve as the Fire Inspectors for the Town of Alden. The Fire Inspectors 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 and rules of Wisconsin, particularly Wis. Stat. § 101.14.
2. While acting as Fire Inspector pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 101.14, the Fire Chief, or any officers of their Fire Department designated by the Fire Chief, shall have the right and authority to enter any public building or place of employment or upon any premises in the Town of Alden at all reasonable hours for the purpose of making inspections or investigations which, under the Town's Ordinances, he/she may deem necessary. Should the Fire Inspector find that any provisions of the Town's Ordinance or any applicable law relating to fire hazards and prevention of fires are being violated, or that a fire hazard exists which should be eliminated, it shall be his/her duty to give such directions for the abatement of such conditions as he/she shall deem necessary and, if such directions are not complied with, to report such noncompliance to his/her Fire Chief and to the Town Board for further action.
3. The owner of any property in which a fire hazard exists or which is in violation of any law relating to fire hazards and prevention of fires shall be solely responsible for the costs and expenses incurred to remove the fire hazard and/or bring their property in compliance with such laws.
4. The Fire Inspector shall reinspect a property if it fails its initial inspection. There shall be no cost for the second inspection, but if the property owner fails this second inspection as well, the property owner may be charged a fee up to \$100.00 for each additional inspection thereafter.
5. It shall be the duty of the Fire Chief or his or her designee to inspect all public buildings and places of employment at least once per calendar year pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 314.01(13)(b)7, except the interior of private dwelling units, or as often as may be necessary for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any fire hazards or conditions found to be contrary to the Town's Ordinances or any other applicable law relating to such hazards or the prevention of fires. In no case shall the interval between each inspection exceed fifteen (15) months.

6. Written reports of inspections shall be made and kept on file in the office of the Fire Chief in the manner and form required by the Wisconsin Department Safety and Professional Services

| Adopted by the Town Board on December 9, 2021.

TOWN OF ALDEN

By: Keith Karpenski
Keith Karpenski, Chairman

Attest: Chris Genung
Chris Genung, Town Clerk