

**Ordinance #20190715**  
**Fire Inspection Enforcement Ordinance**  
**Town of Sterling**  
**Polk County, Wisconsin**

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
Town of Sterling  
Polk County

An ordinance creating a part of the Fire Department code for inspection enforcement.

The town board of the Town of Sterling does ordain as follows:

**FIRE INSPECTION DUTIES:**

1. The Fire Chief shall be the Fire Inspector of the Town of Sterling and shall have the power to appoint one or more deputy Fire Inspectors.
2. While acting as Fire Inspector pursuant to SPS 314 Wis Stats., the Fire Chief, or any officer of the fire department designated by the Fire Chief, shall have the right and authority to enter any building or upon any premises in the Town of Sterling at all reasonable hours for the purpose of making inspections or investigations which, under the provisions of this chapter, he/she may deem necessary. Should the Fire Inspector find that any provisions of this chapter relative 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, including a reasonable time for corrections.
3. As set forth in SPS 314 Wis. Stats., the Fire Chief is required, by himself/herself or by officers or members of the fire department designated by him/her as fire inspectors, 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 relative to the fire hazard or to the prevention of fires. Such inspections shall be made at least once each calendar year in all territory served by the Fire Chiefs' fire department. The Fire Chief may, at his/her discretion, require more frequent inspections than otherwise required under this section. Corrective action inspections shall occur at the time set by the Fire Inspector.
4. 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 Department of Safety and Professional Services.
5. This ordinance shall be effective upon its passage and publication as provided by law. This ordinance is effective on July 15, 2019.

The town clerk shall properly post this ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wis. Stats.

Adopted this 15 day of July 2019.

Signed

Thomas W. Schmitz, Chairman

Dong M. Kiel, Supervisor

Keith D. Wenzel, Supervisor

Attest: John P. Peterson, Town Clerk