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STATE OF WISCONSIN

TOWN OF TROY

WALWORTH COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03

TOWN OF TROY ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TROY CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that it is in the best interest of the health, general welfare, and safety of the Town of Troy to clarify the Town's rules and regulations for the Troy Center Fire Department

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Troy, Walworth County, Wisconsin, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: APPLICABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT.

An ordinance to clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Troy Center Fire Department is hereby described as follows:

A. General authority.

1. The Town Board shall provide for fire protection for the Town of Troy per Wisconsin Statutes Section 60.55(1)(a). Fire protection for the Town or any portion of the Town may be provided in any manner, including establishing a Town fire department through its Troy Center Fire Department.

B. Police power of fire departments.

1. Police authority at incidents.
 - a) The Chief and assistants or officers in command of a fire department at any fire are hereby vested with full and complete authority at fires. Any officer of a fire department may cause the arrest of any person failing to give right-of-way to a fire department in responding to incidents.
 - b) The incident commander may prescribe certain limits in the vicinity of any incident within which no persons except firefighters and law enforcement officers and those admitted by order of any officer of the department shall be permitted to come.
 - c) The incident commander shall have the power to cause the removal of any property whenever it becomes necessary for the preservation of such property from fire or to prevent the spreading of any fire. He shall have the power to 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 the progress of a fire.

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C. Fire inspections.

1. The Fire Chief of the Troy Center Fire Department shall be the Fire Inspector of the Town of Troy and shall have the power to appoint one or more Deputy Fire Inspectors, who shall perform all duties required of the Fire Inspectors by the laws of the state and the rules of the Department of Safety and Professional Services, particularly § 101.14, Wis. Stats and adopt a fire code in accordance with NFPA 1.
2. While acting as Fire Inspectors pursuant to § 101.14(2) Wis. Stats., the Fire Chief or any officers 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 Troy at all reasonable hours for the purpose of making inspections or investigations, which under the provision of this Code he or she may deem necessary.
3. Should the Fire Inspector find that any provision of the Fire Code adopted in paragraph 1 of this section, relating to fire hazards and/or life safety codes, as it relates to the prevention of fires, is being violated or that a fire hazard exists which should be eliminated, it shall be his or her duty to give such directions for the abatement of such conditions as he or she shall deem necessary and, if such directions be not complied with, to report such noncompliance to the Town Board for further action.
4. Written reports of inspections shall be made and kept on file in the office of the Chief of the Fire Department or stored electronically.

D. Investigation of fires.

1. A fire department serving the Town of Troy shall investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of every fire occurring in the Town which is of suspicious nature, or which involves loss of life or injury to persons or by which property has been destroyed or substantially damaged. Such investigations shall begin immediately upon the occurrence of such a fire by the fire officer in whose district the fire occurs. If it appears that such fire is of suspicious origin, the incident commander shall take charge immediately of the physical evidence, shall notify the proper authorities designated by law to pursue the investigation of such matters and shall further cooperate with the authorities in the collection of evidence and in the prosecution of the case.
2. Appropriate law enforcement agencies, upon request of the incident commander, may assist in the investigation of any fire which in the opinion of the Chief of the Fire Department is of suspicious origin.

SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY.

The several sections of this ordinance are declared to be severable. If any section or portion thereof shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unlawful or unenforceable, such decision shall apply only to the specific section or portion thereof directly specified in the decision, and shall not affect the validity of any other provisions, sections or portions thereof of the ordinance. The remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. Any other ordinance whose terms are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to those terms that conflict.

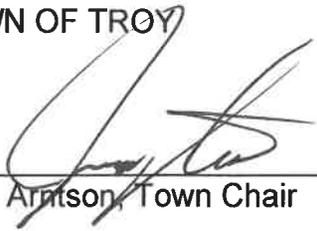
SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication or posting as provided by law.

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Dated this 11th day of MAR 2026, 2026.

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Jerry Arntson, Town Chair

ATTEST:



Michael Ramps, Town Clerk / Treasurer

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