

TOWN OF WATERFORD, VERMONT  
WATERFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT  
SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT ORDINANCE

**ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

A. Title

All rules and regulations contained herein, together with such additions and amendments as may be hereafter adopted, are hereby designated as the "Waterford Fire Department Service Reimbursement Ordinance," or "Ordinance."

B. Authority

This Ordinance is designated as a Civil Ordinance under 24 V.S.A. §1971(b). 24 V.S.A. § 1971-1983 and 1951-1957. Additional related authority granted under 20 V.S.A. §§ 2672, 2675, 2961, and 2963.

C. Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for the reimbursement of costs incurred by the Town for emergency and non-emergency responses by the Waterford Fire Department for special events, malicious incidents, nuisance incidents, motor vehicle accidents, and incidents caused by negligence and/or willful disregard for established fire and life-safety codes and ordinances such as non-permitted burns, permitted burns that get out of control due to negligence and wild-land fires. The Town of Waterford, and all persons responsible for and involved with enforcement or application of this Ordinance, shall not be liable for any damage or injury to persons or property arising out of or relating in any way to this Ordinance or enforcement or application of this Ordinance.

D. Filing Ordinance

The Town Clerk of the Town of Waterford shall file a certified copy of this Ordinance, as well as certified copies of any additions or amendments to this Ordinance as may be hereafter adopted, in the municipal records.

**ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS**

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this Ordinance shall be as follows:

"Alarm Activations" / "Automatic Alarms" shall mean audible and/or visual alarm activations within or outside of a protected property, including those systems incorporating automatic fire department notification.

"Emergency Incident" shall mean those incidents that require fire and/or emergency medical response in an immediate fashion, following established emergency response protocols.

"Emergency Personnel" shall mean the personnel, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, who are members of the Waterford Fire Department during their involvement in an emergency or non-emergency incident/event.

