

Town of Sherman, Dunn County, WI
Ordinance 0-2-2012
Control of Fires

1.1 **Authority:** This ordinance is adopted under the authority granted by chapter 60.55, Wis. Stat. §.

1.2 **Purpose:** To cause the reporting and control of burning materials and to insure safety of life, property and natural resources of the Town of Sherman.

1.3 **Scope:** All fires set within the town of Sherman, if not exempted, are included within the ordinance.

Exemptions: Recreational/Controlled Cooking

1. These fires must be in a fire pit, primarily designed to keep control the fire.

1.4 **Fire Calls:** When the fire department(s) respond to a fire, regardless of how it started, the total cost will be assessed and billed to the property owner. This assessment will include any supporting ambulance fees.

Billing and Payment Procedure: The costs of fire calls shall be billed by the Town Clerk to the property owner and paid within 90 days of the date the bill was sent from the office of the Town Clerk. Failure to pay the bill within the 90 days may result in interest charges at the rate of 1% per month from the date of the billing. Outstanding bills at the end of the year of their occurrence shall be added to the tax roll as a special charge or dealt with by any legal procedure allowed by law if a payment plan has not been established in agreement with the Town of Sherman Board.

Fire Permits: Any Town of Sherman resident can call the Dunn County non-emergency number (715-232-1348). They will take the information (address or closest location to which the burn will take place, phone number, and what is planned to be burned). The Dunn County Emergency Dispatch will advise if there is a burn ban in effect. The property owner is responsible if the fire gets out of control, even with a permit issued. It is no longer necessary to contact a Town of Sherman official for a permit. Please do not call the local fire department as all 911 calls go to the Dunn County Emergency Dispatch and they will not have a record of the permit that was issued.

Effective Date: Following passage by the Town of Sherman Board, this ordinance shall take effect the day after the date of publication as provided by Wis. Stat. § 60.80(2) and (3).

ADOPTED this 27th day of November, 2012.

Daniel J. Fedderly P.E.;R.L.S
Chairman, Town of Sherman

Attest: Julie A. Wathke, Town Clerk/Treasurer