

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECT CHARGE OF PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION

WHEREAS, The Village of Ridgeway, Iowa County, Wisconsin (the "Municipality") owns and operates the Water Utility (the "utility") as a public utility; and

WHEREAS, the municipality provides public fire protection for the benefit of the public health, safety, and well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Utility is authorized by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission to recover the cost of providing and maintaining fire hydrants use for public fire protection; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has determined it is in the public interest to change the manner in which public fire protection charges are paid for combination of the municipal charge (via tax roll) basis and direct charge on water bills, based on equivalent meter size basis, thus, allowing for the collection of public fire protection charges from property owners not presently subject to property taxes; and

WHEREAS, \$25,000 of Public Fire Protection Charges shall be a direct charge on water utility bills and the remaining balance of Public Fire Protection Charges shall remain on the tax roll. The Wisconsin Public Service Commission cost of service study results tentatively indicate a total public fire protection charge of \$108,493 for 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Wis. Stat. Sec. 196.03(3)(b), the Municipality has chosen to have the Utility bill a specific dollar amount for public fire protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the new basis for public fire protection shall be \$108,493, which includes \$25,000 which will be collected through direct charge on monthly utility bills for public fire protection based on equivalent meter basis and the remaining current balance of \$83,493 to continue being placed on the tax roll; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this charge shall be effective the latter of April 1, 2025 or upon review and approval by the Public Service Commission of the State of Wisconsin.

Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2025

By: _____
Michele B. Casper, President

By: _____
Lori Phelan, Clerk/Treasurer

