

CHAPTER 205
TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY
H.F. 768

AN ACT relating to townships providing fire protection and ambulance service, establishing emergency warning systems and levying taxes for those purposes.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 359.42, Code 1985, is amended to read as follows:

359.42 TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE, EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM, AND AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The trustees of each township shall provide fire protection service for the township, exclusive of any part of the township within a benefited fire district and, in counties not providing ambulance services, may provide ambulance service. The trustees may purchase, own, rent or maintain fire protection service or ambulance service apparatus or equipment or both kinds of apparatus or equipment and provide housing for the equipment. The trustees of a township which ~~has a common boundary with a city~~ is located within a county having a population of ~~one three hundred eighty~~ three hundred eighty thousand or more may also establish and maintain an emergency warning system within the township. The trustees may contract with ~~any~~ a public or private agency under chapter 28E for the purpose of providing any service or system required or authorized under this section.

Sec. 2. Section 359.43, subsection 1, Code 1985, is amended to read as follows:

1. The township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding forty and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of the taxable property in the township, excluding any property within a benefited fire district or within the corporate limits of a city, for the purpose of exercising the powers and duties specified in section 359.42. However, in ~~any~~ a township having a fire protection service or ambulance service agreement or both service agreements with a special charter city having a paid fire department, the township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding fifty-four cents per thousand dollars of the assessed value of the taxable property for the services authorized or required under section 359.42 and in ~~any~~ a township which ~~has a common boundary with a city~~ is located within a county having a population of ~~one three hundred eighty~~ three hundred eighty thousand or more, the township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding sixty-seven and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of taxable property for the services authorized or required under section 359.42.

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