

A car fire fee may or may not go into place in the West Salem fire district after a vote this week by the village board. The board voted down the proposed five hundred dollar car fire fee on Tuesday after an appeal by the volunteer fire department which contends, among other things, the fee will discourage people from calling about a car fire until it's too late. The fire district board along with the towns of Barre and Hamilton have already approved the fee, however, so it's unclear whether it will still take effect despite the West Salem village board vote. The fee would only be charged for those car fires that occur along state-maintained highways.