

"Section 4. False Alarms:

A. Regulations.

No person or entity shall install or operate an alarm system in the City unless the alarm system is installed by a licensed alarm system contractor or the owner or occupant of a residence in his or her own residence.

No person shall operate an alarm system on property within the City unless and until the alarm system has been registered with the City Police Department. Failure to register shall result in a fee of \$100 in addition to those fees set forth in Section 4B below.

Alarm systems employing audible signals shall be equipped with shut-off devices that automatically silence the audible signal after fifteen (15) minutes.

Any alarm company shall diligently attempt to make telephone contact with the alarm site whenever an alarm is activated. Attempted verification of an emergency and the type of emergency shall occur prior to the alarm company notifying the City Police Department or City Fire Department.

No alarm system when activated shall be permitted to connect with the communication facility of the City Police or Fire Departments by means of the City Departments' telephone system.

A company which monitors an alarm system in the City, or any other person or entity who monitors an alarm system in the City, shall register such alarm system with the City by providing the following information to the City Police and Fire Departments:

- a) The type of alarm system;
- b) The location of the alarm system in the building or other structure;
- c) The easiest and safest method of access to that alarm system;
- c) The name of the person or entity responsible for monitoring the alarm system; and
- d) A local telephone number or a toll-free number by which the alarm system representative can be reached twenty-four(24) hours a day. If this telephone number changes, the representative shall immediately notify the City Police and Fire Departments. Should any person or entity operating an alarm system within the City fail to register such system with the City, and the City is required to render emergency assistance in response to a third (3rd) false alarm of that system within any calendar year, the false alarm fees set forth below shall be doubled.

B. Fees.

Any person or entity utilizing an alarm system which causes false alarms that occur more frequently than (3) times in a calendar year, commencing anew on January 1 of each and every year, shall be subject to the following fines:

First false alarm beyond yearly allowance \$ 75.00

Second false alarm beyond yearly allowance \$100.00

Third false alarm beyond yearly allowance \$150.00

Fourth false alarm beyond yearly allowance \$250.00

Fifth or more false alarm beyond yearly allowance \$500.00

C. Notification Procedure

The City will mail an alarm notification form to an alarm user following an extraordinary response to a false alarm. The alarm user shall return the completed form to the City Police/Fire Department within ten (10) days of receipt. Failure of the alarm user to return the form shall cause an automatic billing of the false alarm fee to be sent to the alarm user.

If the alarm user wants to request a waiver of the assessed costs due to extenuating circumstances, the alarm user may do so in writing with ten (10) days of the notice of the assessment. The writing shall contain documentation of the extenuating circumstances involved. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of the waiver request, the Director of Public Safety or his/her designee shall make a final determination of the waiver request and notify the alarm user of the decision.