

ALARM USER: Any person on whose premises an alarm system is maintained within the city, except for proprietary systems. If such a system, however, employs an audible signal emitting sounds or a flashing light or beacon designed to signal persons outside the premises, such system shall be within the definition of "alarm system", and shall be subject to this chapter.

FALSE ALARM: The activation of an alarm system through mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation, or the negligence of the owner or lessee of an alarm system or of his employees or agents, excluding force majeure, such as natural disasters or power outages.

SUBSCRIBER: A person who buys and/or leases or otherwise obtains an alarm signaling system and thereafter contracts with or hires an alarm business to monitor and/or service the alarm device.

8-11-2: FALSE ALARMS; RESPONSE CHARGES:

A. When the police department responds to false alarms received from the same premises more than ~~three (3)~~ seven (7) times in a twelve (12) month period of a calendar year (January through December), the alarm user or subscriber will be notified and given a warning that the following fees will be charged on an annual basis. These charges shall be paid to the shall pay the city the following amount within thirty (30) days after receiving notification of charges. ~~notification of the fourth false alarm.~~

1. ~~4~~ 8 to 19 responses occurring in a calendar year: \$50.00 each
- ~~2. 10 to 19 responses occurring in a calendar year: \$100.00 each~~
3. 20 or more responses occurring in a calendar year: ~~\$250.00~~ 75.00 each

B. If payment is not received within the thirty (30) day period, as provided above, the charge for such response shall be increased to double the amount of the initial response charge.

C. Exempt properties: Properties occupied by governmental entities, including, but not limited to, school buildings, county buildings, and other taxing bodies shall be exempt from this chapter. Furthermore, all churches, rectories, and parsonages shall be exempt from this chapter.

SECTION TWO:

This Ordinance shall take effect and shall be in full force and affect ten (10) days after its final passage and approval and publication as required by law.

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A. When the police department responds to false alarms received from the same premises more than seven (7) times the alarm user or subscriber will be notified and given a warning that the following fees will be charged on an annual basis. These charges shall be paid to the city within thirty (30) days after receiving notification of charges.

1. 8 to 19 responses occurring in a calendar year: \$50.00 each
2. 20 or more responses occurring in a calendar year: \$75.00 each