

TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD ORDINANCE NO. 598

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD REGARDING FEES FOR ALARM SYSTEM REGISTRATIONS, FEES, REGULATIONS WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

Alarm Systems.

Registration; Fees; Regulations.

1. Any person, firm or corporation which owns or operates a burglar, hold-up, panic or fire alarm device or a local alarm shall make application for the continuance thereof, in writing, to the Chief of Police, which application shall contain, the name, address, and telephone number of the monitoring company a list of persons to be contacted in the event of an alarm and other information as may be required by the Chief of Police.
2. Alarms shall be registered with the Police Department of the Township. A fee of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars shall be paid for the initial registration, and thereafter, the fee shall be twelve dollars and fifty (\$12.50) cents for each change in registration thereafter.
3. For alarm devices, the permittee shall pay whatever charges are required by an alarm company making the installation. In addition thereto, the permittee shall pay for such connection and monthly maintenance charges, as hereinabove provided for, to the licensee for the alarm control panel.
4. Dial alarms shall be coded to dial a special separate number, which can be obtained from the Chief of Police or their agent, and no dial alarm shall be coded to dial the number of the general Police Switchboard of the Township. Message must conform to the approved format on the application. The total length of a message must not exceed fifteen (15) seconds. Message shall be received by Police headquarters twice, not no more than twice. The dialing device must provide an automatic line-seizure feature in the event that this line is busy with an income or outgoing call.
5. The owner of the dial alarm device shall be governed by the false alarm procedures and penalties set forth in this section.

Failure to Register an Alarm

1. All alarms shall be registered within sixty (60) days of notice. Failure to comply with the registration of an alarm may result in a fine of no more than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for the first offense and one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for each future violation after notification.

(1969 Code § 5-1; Ord. No. 587; Ord. No. 598)

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TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD ORDINANCE NO. 96-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 867 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD REGARDING FEES FOR FALSE FIRE AND BURGLAR ALARMS WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 5-6 of Ordinance No. 867 of the Code of the Township of Fairfield shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

False Alarms.

A false alarm shall be any activation of an alarm system causing the police or other emergency unit to respond, the cause of which was not fire, smoke or similar hazard, an emergency, an unauthorized entry, the commission of an unlawful act, or caused by a specific condition or occurrence clearly beyond the control of the permittee or his agents.

In the event of a false alarm, any person having knowledge shall immediately notify the Police Department in a manner so prescribed by the rules and regulations in accordance with this section. In addition, in the case of a false alarm, the Chief of Police shall cause an investigation to be made and shall keep a record of such alarms on file. For such alarms, the following penalties shall be imposed:

1. For the first and second false burglar Alarm in any given calendar year, a warning shall be issued.
2. For the first false fire alarm in any given calendar year, a warning shall be issued. For the second false fire alarm in the same calendar year, a fine of fifty (\$50) dollars shall be paid to the Township.
3. For the third false burglar alarm in the same calendar year, a fine of fifty (\$50) dollars shall be paid to the Township. For a third false fire alarm in the same calendar year, a fine of one hundred (\$100) dollars shall be paid to the Township.
4. For the fourth false fire or burglar alarm and each false fire or burglar alarm thereafter, in the same calendar year, a fine of not less than one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars and not more than two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars shall be imposed by the Court and be paid to the Township.
5. For each false fire or burglar alarm over six in the same calendar year, a fine of not less than two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars and not more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) shall be imposed by the court and be paid to the Township.
6. The Township, the Library Board and the Board of Education shall be exempt from paying any fines for false alarms pursuant to this section.

Where investigation by the Police Department discloses continued abuse of the privilege of connection to the alarm console and a disregard by the permittee for taking remedial steps to avoid false fire alarms, the Chief of Police reserves the right to require disconnection from the alarm console for a limited or permanent time, provided that no such permit shall be revoked or suspended without giving the permittee an opportunity to show cause before the Township Council why such action should not be taken.

(1969 Code § 5-6; Ord. No. 587; Ord. No. 775; Ord. No. 867; Ord. No. 911 § 1; Ord. No. 96-09 § 1)