

Explanation: This Ordinance amends Chapter III-A of *The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren* entitled, "Emergency Alarm System" by amending the penalties associated with false alarms.

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
ORDINANCE NO. 13-02**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER III-A ENTITLED "EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM" SECTION 3A-7 ENTITLED "GENERAL REGULATIONS" AMENDING PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH FALSE ALARMS

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that Chapter XV of *The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren* entitled, "Emergency Alarm System" is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION I. Section A-7 entitled, "General Regulations" is hereby amended by modifying subsection A-7(d)(2) to read as follows:

Section A-7 General Regulations.

2. Fire alarms: for the first [and second] false alarm in any given calendar year a warning shall be issued; for the second false alarm in the same calendar year, a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be levied. For the third false alarm in the same calendar year [fourth and fifth false alarm in the same calendar year] a fine of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for [each] the offense shall be levied; for the fourth, fifth [sixth] and subsequent false alarm in the same calendar year a mandatory court appearance will be required with a minimum fine of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars and the maximum fine of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

Multiple false alarms within any given 12 hour period shall be considered as one alarm. In the event that three false alarms are given within any given 12 hour period, the fire chief or his designee shall have the right to order the alarm system to be deactivated; in the event the said system is not deactivated after the aforesaid order, each false alarm thereafter will be treated as a separate false alarm for the purposes of this section.

In the event of a false alarm and [a commercial or industrial establishment either fails to have a functioning lock box at its location with the appropriate key at the police station or] no designated party arrives at the false alarm location within 30 minutes of notification to respond to that location, the permittee shall be fined [a minimum of twenty-five (\$25.00)] an additional five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and a maximum of [one hundred (\$100.00)] one thousand five hundred (\$1500.00) dollars for each violation. In the event that there is no lock box present at the location, a minimum fine of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars will be assessed.

SECTION II. Interpretation: This Ordinance shall be so construed as not to conflict with any provision of New Jersey or Federal law.

SECTION III. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION IV. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION V. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and final publication according to law.

Note to Codifier: Deleted provisions indicated by brackets [].
New provision indicated in underline _____.



ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

Patricia A. DiRocco
Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC
Township Clerk

By: *Victor J. Sordillo*
Victor J. Sordillo, Mayor

INTRODUCED MARCH 14, 2013

ADOPTED APRIL 4, 2013

EFFECTIVE APRIL 11, 2013

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