

**PART 3**  
**FALSE ALARMS**

**§6-301. Title.**

This Part shall be known and cited as the "Sandy Township False Alarm Ordinance."

*(Ord. 2003-7, 9/22/2003, §I)*

**§6-302. Definitions.**

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this Part:

**ALARM** - a communication to a public safety agency indicating that a crime, fire or other emergency warranting immediate action by that public safety agency has occurred or is occurring.

**ALARM DEVICE** - a device designed to automatically transmit an alarm:

- A. Directly to a public safety agency.
- B. To a person that is instructed to notify the public safety agency of the alarm.

**AUTOMATIC DIALING DEVICE** - a device which is interconnected to a telephone line and preprogramed to transmit the coded signal of an alarm to a dedicated telephone trunk line or to dial a predetermined telephone number to an alarm to a public safety agency.

**DEDICATED TELEPHONE TRUNKLINE** - a telephone line or lines which serve a public safety agency which is dedicated to receiving transmissions from an automatic dialing service.

**FALSE ALARM** - any signal activated by an automatic protection device, any audible alarm or any other kind of direct or indirect signal given to which police, fire department or emergency response agencies respond which is not the result of an attempted illegal entry, burglary, intrusion, fire, medical or other similar emergency, excluding weather extremes and utility interruptions, which activates a protection device.

**PERSON** - an individual, corporation, partnership, incorporated association or other similar entity.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY** - the Pennsylvania State Police or any municipal police or fire department.

*(Ord. 2003-7, 9/22/2003, §II)*

## CONDUCT

### **§6-303. False Alarms Prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful for the property owner, lessee or any person occupying or otherwise on any premises within Sandy Township, to make or cause to be made, a false fire or security alarm, directly or indirectly, to any fire department or emergency response agency responding to alarms within the Township, when the false alarm is caused by faulty detection or alarm equipment or by the negligence of said property owner, lessee or person.

*(Ord. 2003-7, 9/22/2003, §III)*

### **§6-304. False Alarm Service Fees.**

1. The status of an alarm is to be determined by the Police Department or Fire Company, or other affected emergency response agency, and the decision shall be final.
2. Upon notification of a false alarm, a written report shall be made within 14 days by the owner or lessee to the affected emergency response agency and shall contain what steps have been taken to eliminate future false alarms.
3. Service fees for false alarms shall be assessed by the Township as follows:
  - A. Third false alarm in any 1 calendar year shall be subject to a service fee of \$50.
  - B. Fourth false alarm in any 1 calendar year shall be subject to a service fee of \$100.
  - C. Fifth and subsequent false alarms in any 1 calendar year shall be subject to a service fee of \$200.

*(Ord. 2003-7, 9/22/2003, §IV)*

### **§6-306. Penalties and Remedies for Violations.**

1. In the event a violation of this Part occurs, in addition to such other remedies as may be available under existing law, the Township may institute an action in equity to prevent, restrain, correct, abate or enjoin such violation.
2. Any person, whether as principal or agent, who violates this Part or assists or abets its violation shall, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a district justice in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment in the Clearfield County Prison not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense. [A.O.]

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