

False Alarm By-law Summary

- If you have an alarm that makes noise (except for fire alarms), don't let it make noise outside your place for more than 15 minutes at a time.
- You're not allowed to have more than two false alarms in a year.
- Some alarms won't count as false alarms, like if they're caused by someone else, a storm, or if the police and fire department agree it was a one-time mistake.
- If you have a false alarm, you'll get a notice telling you about it and explaining the fees for future false alarms.
- The notice will be sent to your address within five working days after they mail it.
- If you have a third false alarm or more in a year, you'll be charged fees:
 - o \$200 for the third false alarm
 - o \$250 for the fourth false alarm
 - o \$300 for the fifth or more false alarms
- The town will send you a bill, and you have to pay it when you get it.
- All the fees collected go to the town.
- If you're caught breaking this rule and get a notice, you can pay a \$100 penalty within 14 days to avoid other penalties.
- Don't use a device that automatically calls the police or fire department numbers. It's not allowed.
- If a third party is monitoring your alarm for break-ins, they must check with you before calling the police.
- If the police are called before checking with you and the call gets canceled, you still have to pay the fee.
- If a third party gets the alarm signal and calls the police or fire department, they have to give the alarm permit number to the dispatcher.