

**TOWN OF WEBSTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**FALSE ALARM ORDINANCE**  
**For Fire and Police**

**AUTHORITY:**

Pursuant to the authority on NH RSA 41 & 41.17 and any other applicable Revised Statutes Annotated, The Select Board of the Town of Webster, New Hampshire.

**PURPOSE:**

In the interest of promoting public health, safety and general welfare of all citizens of Webster, New Hampshire, The Select Board hereby establish certain guidelines to govern the installation, registration and use of residential and commercial fire alarm systems.

**REGISTRATION:**

All fire alarm systems shall be registered with the appropriate Webster Agency, Fire Department or Police Department prior to use and shall comply with the applicable standards. The failure to comply with such requirements shall results in a fine of \$250.00

**FALSE ALARMS:**

A false alarm is defined as the activation of an alarm system through mechanical failure, accidental tripping, operation malfunction, misuse, or the neglect of the owner or lessee of an alarm system, or of his employee or agent. Upon the failure of the Fire Department to find evidence of smoke or fire, or other legitimate need or cause for activation, a presumption of "false alarm" will be made. False alarm shall not include alarms caused by earthquakes, violent winds, or external causes beyond the control of the owner or lessee of the alarm system

**FINES:**

Any person who maintains or has an alarm connected to the Fire Department alarm system, to an alarm agent, alarm business or a person responding to audible alarms, which has caused any signal, message or alarm to be transmitted to the Webster Fire or Police Departments either by direct telephone or other

communication, and which is proven to be a false alarm shall pay a false alarm charge to the Town of Webster as follows:

**Fines for the False Alarms to the Fire Department**

First 2 false alarms	No Charge
Third (3) thru fifth (5) alarms	\$500.00 per alarm
6 <sup>th</sup> alarm and over	\$750.00 per alarm

If there are no alarms for 3 years, the record will reset.

**Fines for the False Alarms to the Police Department**

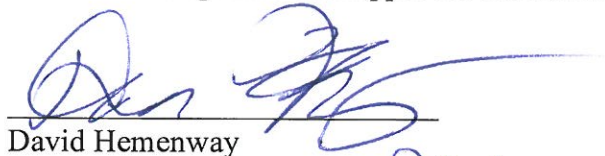
First 2 false alarms	No Charge
Third (3) thru fifth (5) alarms	\$50.00 per alarm
6 <sup>th</sup> alarm and over	\$217.00 per alarm

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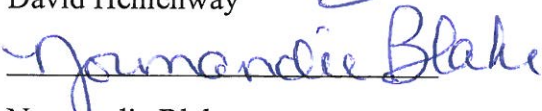
**PREVIOUS ORDINANCES:**

The provisions of this ordinance replace two previous ordinances enacted for Fire and Police False Alarms.

Ordinance as updated and Approved on March 21, 2022



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