

Police

No. 1991
CITY OF CONCORD

In the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Title I, General Code, Chapter 15, Licensing of Business, Trades, and Occupations, Article 15-11.

The City of Concord ordains as follows:

Section One: Amend the Code of Ordinances, Title I, General Code, Chapter 15, Licensing of Business, Trades, and Occupations, Article 15-11 of deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following article entitled: Police False Alarm Charge:

SECTION:

- 15-11-1 **Definitions.**
- 15-11-2 **False Alarm Charge.**
- 15-11-3 **Notice of Disconnect for Excess False Alarm.**
- 15-11-4 **Notice of Disconnect-Failure to Pay.**
- 15-11-5 **Tape Dialer Prohibited.**
- 15-11-6 **Appeals Board.**

15-11-1 Definitions:

Alarm Systems: Means any assembly of equipment and devices arranged to signal the presence of a hazard requiring urgent attention and to which the Police Department is expected to respond.

Digital Encoder Alarms: Digital encoder alarms are those alarm systems which automatically seize a telephone line and dial a specified number signaling the Police Alarm System by means of sequential toning.

Direct Dialer Tape Alarms: Direct dialer tape alarms are those alarm systems which automatically seize a telephone line connected to Police Headquarters and reproduce a prerecorded voice message indicating the existence of the emergency situation the alarm is designed to detect.

False Alarm: False alarm means the activation of an alarm system through mechanical failure, accidental tripping, misoperation, malfunction, misuse, or the neglect of the owner or lessee of an alarm system, or of his employees or agents. Upon failure of the Police to find any evidence of intrusion or other legitimate need or legitimate cause for activating an alarm system, a conclusive 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 lessees of the alarm system.

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The City of Concord ordains as follows:

15-11-2 False Alarm Charge: Any person who maintains or has an alarm connected to the Police 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 Police Department either by direct telephone or other communication and which is proven to be a false alarm shall pay a false alarm charge to the City of Concord as follows:

- (a) During the six-month period commencing with the effective date of Ordinance No. 1808 and for each six-month period thereafter, the service charge for false alarms shall be:

First three (3) alarms.....	No Charge
Fourth through sixth false alarm, per alarm.....	50.00
Seventh and subsequent false alarm, per alarm.....	100.00

15-11-3 Notice of Disconnect for Excess False Alarm: Whenever a particular alarm system has resulted in twelve (12) or more false alarms during a period of twelve (12) consecutive months the Chief of Police shall send to the party responsible for that alarm system a notice that the alarm will be disconnected from the Police Alarm System. Any person receiving such a disconnect notice shall have thirty (30) days to show just cause why that alarm should not be disconnected. In the absence of just cause the alarm will be disconnected at the end of the thirty-day period.

15-11-4 Notice of Disconnect-Failure to Pay: In the event that any person responsible for the operation of an alarm system fails to pay within thirty (30) days the false alarm charges assessed against him in accordance with the above Sections, the Chief of Police shall cause to be sent to that person a notice that the alarm will be disconnected from the Police System. Any person receiving such a disconnect notice shall have thirty (30) days to show just cause why that alarm should not be disconnected. In the absence of just cause, the alarm will be disconnected at the end of the thirty-day period.

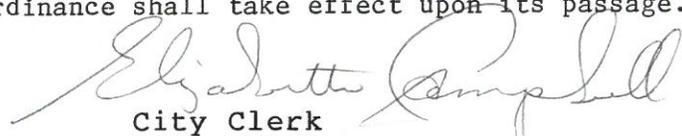
15-11-5 Tape Dialer Prohibited: The use of direct dialer tape alarm within the City of Concord is prohibited. The Police Department shall not respond to direct dialer alarms, and any person responsible for the use of such alarm shall be guilty of a violation of this Article.

15-11-6 Appeals Board: Any person aggrieved by a decision to impose a fee under the provisions of this Article may appeal that decision to an Appeals Board consisting of the Chief of Police, Fire Chief and two (2) members who shall be appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council, one of whom shall have expert knowledge of alarm systems and one of who shall be a member of the general public.

SECTION TWO This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

In City Council
May 11, 1992
Passed.

Attest:


City Clerk