

TOWN OF JEWETT
ALARM DEVICES AND SYSTEMS LAW

SECTION 1 Title

This local law shall be known as the Town of Jewett Alarm Devices and Systems Law.

SECTION 2 Definitions

- A. ALARM SYSTEM: A device or an assembly of equipment which is designed to detect smoke, abnormal rise in temperature, fire, medical emergency or an entry into or exit from a building, structure or facility and by reason thereof emits an audible response intended to alert persons outside of the premises and/or transmit a signal or message to an Emergency Agency either directly or through private answering point.

- B. EMERGENCY AGENCY: Any fire, police, 911 or other dispatch center or public or private response agency without regard as to whether such agency is paid or volunteer.

- C. FALSE ALARM: Any signal activated by a police, fire or medical emergency alarm device, devices or system of police, fire or medical emergency alarm devices which is not the result of natural disaster, act of God, criminal act, fire or other emergency, resulting in police, fire or other emergency services or personnel response. The term "False Alarm" shall include human error and equipment malfunction causing the alarm to be activated and which results in the above emergency response.

SECTION 3 Automatic Cut-Off

No person shall install or maintain an external audible alarm device which does not contain an operational automatic cut-off system which turns off the external audible alarm after a period not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes

An automatic dialer connected directly to an Emergency Agency shall automatically disconnect and/or terminate its message after the message has been transmitted a maximum of two times. Notwithstanding the foregoing however, the total transmission time of all messages shall not exceed five (5) minutes.

SECTION 4 False Alarms

The owner and/or lessee of real property to which an Emergency Agency responds as a result of a False Alarm shall pay a fee for each such response in each calendar year as follows:

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| <u>1st and 2nd False Alarm:</u> No Fee | <u>3rd and 4th False Alarm:</u> \$50 each |
| <u>5th and 6th False Alarm:</u> \$100 each | <u>7th and over False Alarm:</u> \$250 each |

SECTION 5 Penalties for Offenses

Any person that does not pay the fee established in this code or who violates any other provisions of this local law shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) for each offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during which a violation occurs, continues or is permitted.

SECTION 6 Severability

If any section or provision of this local law or the application thereof to any persons is adjudged invalid, the adjudication shall not effect other sections, clauses or provisions or the application thereof which shall be sustained or given effect without the invalid section, clause or provision or application, and to this end the various sections, clauses or provisions of this local law are declared to be severable.

SECTION 7 Effective Date

This local law shall become effective upon adoption.