

8.28.040 - Fines for false fire alarms.

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A. There shall be no more than two false fire alarms from any one fire alarm system during the calendar year. A charge of one hundred dollars shall be imposed on the alarm owner/user upon the occurrence of the third false alarm response and all subsequent false alarm responses after the third within the same calendar year.

B. Any recurrent condition, which causes an alarm, may constitute a false alarm, if, in the opinion of the fire marshal, the condition is reasonably preventable by the fire alarm user. In this instance, the fire marshal shall inform the fire alarm user in writing that the recurrent condition shall be considered a false alarm under this chapter thereafter.

8.28.045 - Fines for false alarms (non-fire).

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A. The subscriber of an alarm system shall be fined for each emergency police response to a false alarm, except that such fine shall be automatically waived for the first three false alarm responses in a calendar year. State, federal and municipal buildings or properties shall be exempt from such fine. The subscriber of an alarm system shall be fined for each emergency police response to a false alarm in a calendar year not more than: (1) twenty-five dollars for a fourth offense; (2) fifty dollars for a fifth offense; (3) seventy-five dollars for a sixth offense; and (4) one hundred dollars for the seventh and each subsequent offense within a calendar year. If the subscriber is not the owner of the property in which the alarm system is located, the police department shall give the property owner notice of the occurrence of the second false alarm generated by the alarm system of the property.

B. Any subscriber who has received notification from the police department informing such subscriber that a fine is being imposed for a false alarm may appeal the fine not later than seven days after the receipt of notification by filing an appeal with the Waterford Police Department. The Waterford Police Department shall refer the appeal to a hearing officer who shall review the appeal and conduct a hearing with notice to the appellant and shall make a determination as to whether or not the circumstances surrounding the false alarm justify a waiver of the fine. The hearing officer shall notify the subscriber, in writing, of its final decision.

C. All fines imposed pursuant to this section shall be payable to the Town of Waterford and deposited into the general fund and shall be due not later than thirty days after the date of notification, or in the case of an appeal, not later than thirty days after the date of the decision on the appeal. A subscriber who fails to pay the fine within the designated time period shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

Date	Billed to	CASE #	Billed	for period	open
10/13/2015	Wal-Mart	15-2733	\$50.00	9/16/2015	\$50.00
2/22/2016	Cost Cutters	15-3637	\$50.00	12/18/2015	\$50.00
2/22/2016	Airgas	15-3530	\$50.00	12/8/2015	\$50.00
3/21/2017	Cold Water Creek	17-0527	\$100.00	2/23/2017	\$100.00
6/18/2018	Dick's Sporting Goods	18-1239	\$50.00	4/20/2018	\$50.00
6/18/2018	New London Rehabilitation	18-1672	\$50.00	5/30/2018	\$50.00
2/13/2019	Bayview Healthcare	18-3208	\$50.00	10/8/2018	\$50.00
2/26/2020	Seacorp Group Home	20-0183	\$50.00	1/28/2020	\$50.00
5/21/2020	Best Buy	20-0587	\$50.00	4/3/2020	\$50.00
5/21/2020	Olive Garden	20-0652	\$50.00	4/20/2020	\$50.00
7/10/2020	RJ Almond	20-741	\$50.00	5/22/2020	\$50.00
9/23/2020	Crystal Mall	20-1070	\$50.00	7/27/2020	\$50.00
4/9/2021	Brimor GA WTFD Commons LLC	20-1831	\$50.00	11/16/2020	\$50.00
5/21/2021	5 Below	21-264	\$50.00	2/17/2021	\$50.00
5/21/2021	Utopia Salon	21-430	\$50.00	3/16/2021	\$50.00
7/15/2021	Longhorn Steakhouse	21-796	\$50.00	5/20/2021	\$50.00
10/25/2021	L&M Outpatient Care Waterfall Shopping Center	21-720	\$50.00	5/8/2021	\$50.00
4/1/2022	Daversa Partners	22-00374	\$50.00	2/24/2022	\$50.00
5/2/2022	Ballestrini Day Care	22-00356	\$50.00	2/22/2022	\$50.00
5/1/2022	Party City	22-0737	\$50.00	4/22/2022	\$50.00