Town of Lyons Ordinance for Administrative Charges for False Alarms Fire Control Chapter 19.81

Whereas, the Lyons Fire Department responds to many false alarms for fires;

Whereas, the Fire Department requests to be compensated for their response to these fires;

Therefore, be it hereby ordained by the Town Board of the Town of Lyons, Walworth County, that false alarm fires will be compensated as follows:

(1) The owner or occupant shall be charged for fire protection system malfunctions and/or false alarms generating true fire alarm condition in excess of three per calendar year at the following rates:

Fourth false alarm

\$300.00

Fifth and all subsequent false alarms (each)

\$500.00

- (2) The owner or occupant shall be charged for fire protection system trouble or supervisory alarms in excess of five per calendar year that results from any reason other than system testing, maintenance, electrical service, telephone line, or weather malfunction at the rate of \$300 per alarm.
- (3) No person shall deliberately or maliciously turn in an alarm of fire when in fact that person knows that no fire exists. No person shall activate any automatic fire alarm system or installed fire protection system for purpose other than emergency, maintenance, drills or prescribed testing.
- (4) This is intended to impose a strict liability on the person, business, corporation or other entity responsible for alarm connections to alarm receiving firm to which the Fire Department has responded and shall be applied regardless of the cause of the false alarm. Failure to pay such administrative charge(s) in and of itself shall constitute a violation of this section.

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication or posting by the town clerk as required, pursuant to s. 60.80, Wis. Stat.

Adopted this 12th day of August 2019.

By the Town Board of the Town of Lyons, Walworth County, Wisconsin

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Chairman

Supervisor

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ATTEST

Konla Hill