

TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN

RESOLUTION # 2001-1

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FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DUE TO FALSE ALARMS GENERATED BY MALFUNCTIONING FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the town to provide for adequate fire protection to all town residents and taxpayers, and;

WHEREAS, many fire department responses are to false alarms caused by mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation or maintenance, or improper use of alarm systems, and;

WHEREAS, Fire department response to false alarms incurs significant direct and indirect costs and liabilities to the responding agencies and the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, when any fire department responds to an alarm that is determined to have been activated falsely, accidentally, or negligently, the alarm user is subject to charges set forth below:

- A. The town shall assess a charge of \$100.00, or the actual cost of the fire department response, whichever is less, for the first such incidence, and
- B. For the second, or any additional such occurrences, the full amount of the manpower charges for the fire department response shall be assessed. The town will continue to absorb the equipment portion of the charges as part of the contractual agreement with the fire department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that users of such alarm systems are encouraged to have their system carefully serviced and maintained to prevent such false alarms from occurring to avoid unnecessary costs to the town and themselves.