

9.04 – False Alarms

Sections

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It is unlawful for any person to knowingly start or spread any false alarm in the city.

(Prior code : § 28.007)

9.04.020 – Conditions for connection to the city remote activating equipment

1. All individuals, partnerships, corporations and other entities which utilize the remote activating fire/intrusion/holdup alarm equipment in the city police department and Tri-Com Communication Center are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this section. Failure to abide by the terms and conditions set forth herein shall be grounds for disconnection from the equipment, as the city may from time to time determine.
2. The equipment of a user shall be maintained in good repair and working order. Any defects in such equipment shall be repaired by the user upon discovery.
3. No individual, partnership, corporation or other entity shall cause the transmission of a false alarm signal to the city alarm board at the police department or to Tri-Com Communication Center. If the false signal is responded to by the police or fire department, and if it is determined by the chief of police or fire chief, as the case may be, that the false signal was due to negligence or intentional misuse by the user, its agent, employees, persons under the supervision and control of the user, or its invitees, or due to the user's failure to properly maintain or repair its equipment, the user shall pay the sum of twenty-five dollars for each false signal received and responded to by the city. Said payment shall be paid within forty-eight hours to the city clerk after being billed by the finance office of the city. In the event any user fails or refuses to make such payment, the user's equipment may be disconnected from the city and Tri-Com equipment.
4. Any user who has been disconnected from the city and Tri-Com shall not be reconnected until the user has demonstrated to the chief of police or the fire chief, as the case may be, that adequate safeguards to preclude future false signals have been taken by the user, plus proof of payment of amounts due pursuant to subsection C.
5. No automatic fire/intrusion/holdup device shall be keyed to any primary trunk line or special trunk line into Tri-Com Communication Center or the police or fire department.
6. No automatic intrusion/holdup protection device installed in the city shall have a ringer which is audible outside.
7. Any individual, partnership, corporation or other entity violating this section shall be fined not less than twenty five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and each day an offense continues shall be considered a separate offense.

(2018-M-23 : § 1; 1980-M-7 : § 1)