

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
ORDINANCE #449-19**

**INCREASING PENALTIES FOR FALSE ALARMS AND AMENDING CHAPTER IV
OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “GENERAL LICENSING”**

WHEREAS, there have been an inordinate number of false alarms; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Official and the Chief of Police have recommended that the current penalties for false alarms be increased;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Chapter IV of the Township Code entitled “General Licensing” is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 4-1.14 entitled “Penalties for False Alarms” in Section 4-1 entitled “Alarm Systems” is amended to read as follows:

“4-1.14 Penalties for False Alarms

~~The penalties for false alarms shall be as follows:~~

~~a. In any twelve (12) month period, the following penalties shall apply:~~

False Alarm Number	Penalty
One Four	\$0
Five	\$50
Six and succeeding	\$100 per false alarm

There shall be no penalty for the first and second false alarms in a calendar year (January 1 to December 31) . For all subsequent false alarms in that same calendar year, the owner of the property at which the device is located shall pay a penalty in accordance with the following schedule:

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial and Institutional</u>
3rd	\$100.00	\$100.00
4 th and succeeding	\$250.00	\$500.00

A failure to pay penalty within thirty (30) days of billing shall constitute a violation and a summons will be issued to appear in Municipal Court.

Section 2. Any and all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

Section 3. In case any article, section or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect any other article, section or provision of this ordinance except insofar as the article, section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance having been introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, will be considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey, when and where or at such time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Megan Phillips, Clerk

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