

## **ALARM ORDINANCE**

Adopted by Town Meeting vote, Article 16 – March 18, 1995

Policy for the installation, maintenance and use of private alarm systems.

### Definitions:

**PRIVATE ALARM SYSTEM**, any alarm system, monitored by any off premise dispatch company or agent that requires a response by any emergency service.

**AGENT**, for the purpose of this ordinance an agent shall be anyone who can hear an audible alarm or see a visual signal of alarm and notify the appropriate agency, i.e. a neighbor.

**USER**, A person or business who has a private alarm system connected to the Rye municipal alarm or to a private company who automatically calls the fire or police department.

**FALSE ALARM**, An alarm signal requiring a response by the fire or police personnel caused by human error or lack of proper maintenance of the system. Fees shall not be charged for alarms caused by water pressure changes or alarms tripped by circumstances beyond the control of the user.

**MALICIOUS FALSE ALARM**, Any person who directly or indirectly communicates to any government agency that deals with emergencies involving danger to life or property a report known by him to be false regarding a fire, explosion, or other catastrophe or emergency, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. This definition is per state RSA 644:3, False public notice.

### INSTALLATION :

Any one installing an alarm system shall file an application with the applicable public safety agency. The application shall contain the location and type of system, installer, user, monitoring agent, and two call back persons. Call backs shall be within 15 minutes travel to the location and have knowledge of the system and necessary keys. Security boxes may be substituted for call backs at the discretion of the department head.

Any system installation shall be in accordance with all existing state and local codes and all devices shall be UL or FM approved. Any alarm system connected to the RYE FIRE DEPARTMENT municipal alarm wiring will in addition comply with the RFD guidelines for auxilizerized systems.

All alarm systems shall be inspected by a member of the department having jurisdiction of the alarm response. A fee of \$10.00 shall be charged for plans review, application, inspection, and administrative paperwork.

MAINTENANCE:

It shall be the responsibility of the owner to insure the system is in proper working order at all times to protect against false calls. It is understood that the user is not responsible for alarms caused by nature and transmission equipment outside his control. It is suggested that a user have a maintenance agreement with the installer or other reliable agent.

PENALTIES:

A violation of more than 3 false alarms in a calendar year at any one alarm side shall be as follows:

4 – 6 alarms	\$25.00 each occurrence
7 – 8 alarms	\$50.00 each occurrence
9 – 10 alarms	\$100.00 each occurrence

An outside audible alarm that causes a intermittent or continuous disturbance for 2 hours shall be assessed a penalty of \$75.00 PER OCCURRENCE AND MAY BE DISCONNECTED BY THE SIMPLEST MEANS, by a member of the agency having jurisdiction of the alarm.

Any person found guilty of a malicious false alarm shall be subject to the penalties of state RSA 644:3.

CODES GOVERNING ALARM INSTALLATIONS:

FIRE ALARMS

N.F.P.A. 74  
N.F.P.A. 72 & 72E  
N.F.P.A. 101  
B.O.A.C. FIRE PREVENTION CODES  
B.O.A.C. BUILDING CODES  
NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODES

BURGLARY AND INTRUSION ALARMS

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