

**ORDINANCE NO. 1151  
FALSE ALARMS**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TYRONE, A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY,  
TO REDUCE THE FREQUENCY OF FALSE ALARMS BY IMPOSING A CHARGE FOR FALSE  
ALARMS AND TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Borough of Tyrone hereby ordains:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.**

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Borough of Tyrone False Alarm Ordinance.

**SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.**

Alarm - A communication either directly or indirectly to a Fire Agency and/or Police Agency indicating that a crime, fire or other emergency situation warranting immediate action by such agency and/or agencies has occurred or is occurring.

Chief of Police - Chief of the Borough of Tyrone Police Department.

Emergency - A police, fire, hazard or medical emergency.

False Alarm - An alarm activated in the absence of an emergency, whether willfully or by inadvertence, negligence, or unintentional act, including the malfunction of the alarm system; the intentional activation of a holdup alarm for other than a holdup in progress; the intentional activation of a medical alarm for other than a medical emergency; or the intentional activation of a fire alarm for other than a fire or hazard to which the Police or Fire Agency responds. Exceptions are: an alarm caused by the testing or repairing of telephone or electrical lines or equipment outside the premises; acts of God, such as earthquake, flood, windstorm, thunder or lightning; an attempted illegal entry of which there is visible evidence; a crime in progress; or, in the case of an emergency medical alarm, an actual medical emergency requiring police, fire and/or medical personnel.

Fire Agency - Any volunteer and/or paid fire fighting entity responding to an alarm.

Fire Chief - The Chief of the fire companies in the Borough of Tyrone or an authorized designee.

Fire Emergency - A fire, smoke or overheating.

Hazard Emergency - An explosion, leak of toxic gas, liquid or solid, or a potential explosion or leak.

Medical Emergency - An emergency involving the health of a person.

Person - An individual, corporation, partnership, incorporated association or similar entity.

Police Agency - The Borough of Tyrone Police Department.

Police Emergency - An incident requiring prompt response by the Police Agency.

**SECTION 3. FALSE ALARMS.**

A. Any person owning a structure in the Borough of Tyrone shall be notified, in writing by the Fire Chief and/or the Chief of Police, of each and every false alarm activated in the absence of an emergency, whether willfully or by inadvertence, negligence or unintentional act, including the malfunction of the alarm system to which the Police or Fire Agency responds to such structure. Each such alarm shall constitute a separate offense as follows:

First Alarm	Written Warning
Second Alarm	Written Warning
Third Alarm	Written Warning
Fourth Alarm	\$100.00
Fifth Alarm	\$200.00
Each Additional Alarm	\$300.00

B. When the fourth and subsequent false alarm occurs, the Fire Chief and/or the Chief of Police shall notify the owner of the structure to which the Police and/or Fire Agency responded that a false alarm charge is due and payable and the amount thereof.

C. A false alarm charge shall be due and payable at the Borough of Tyrone Municipal Building 25 days from the date of the mailing of the notice of assessment of the charge.

D. Failure of the owner of said structure to pay a false alarm charge on or before the due date shall constitute a violation of this ordinance and shall subject said person to the penalties set forth in Section 4 hereof.

E. If doubt exists as to the cause of the false alarm, the Chief of Police or Fire Chief, or their designee, shall make a decision regarding the circumstances of the activation.