

ORDINANCE NO. 94 - 14

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING FIRE ALARMS SYSTEMS;
SPECIFICALLY ADDING FALSE ALARMS AND PROVIDING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has been advised by the Department of Emergency Services of a need for this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board has conducted public hearings and a workshop; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that this ordinance is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED this 24th day of January, 1994, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Fire Alarm" Ordinance.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS:

1. "FALSE ALARM" - means the activation of a fire alarm system signal or message which elicits an emergency response by the Nassau County Fire Department when a situation requiring such response does not in fact exist.

2. "FIRE ALARM SYSTEM" - means any mechanical, electrical or radio controlled system which is designed to transmit a signal or message when activated manually or because of any product of combustion including heat, smoke or flame and shall include a control panel. A single station device shall not be considered an alarm system.

3. "SYSTEM MALFUNCTION" means the activation of any alarm

system caused by mechanical failure, improper installation, or lack of proper maintenance, or any other cause as determined by the supervisor of Fire Prevention.

SECTION 3. PROCEDURE

Each time the Fire Department responds to a false alarm due to system malfunction or when no reason for the false alarm can be detected, the Fire Department shall issue a warning notice to the owner, lessee or manager of the property, which warning notice shall require that the alarm system be inspected and/or serviced within five (5) working days with written documentation submitted to the Fire Department that the system is in working order.

SECTION 4. SERVICE FEES

1. No service fee shall be charged for the first three (3) false alarms per 12-month period, calculated from the date of the first such alarm.

2. Each false alarm in excess of three (3) and up to and including six (6) within a 12-month period shall result in a service fee of \$50.00 per false alarm, payable within thirty (30) days from the date of invoice.

3. Each false alarm in excess of six (6) within a 12-month period shall result in a service fee of \$100.00 per false alarm, payable within thirty (30) days from the date of invoice.

4. The Fire Department shall determine whose hours and dates during which lightning or severe weather may impact the proper operation of an alarm system, and false alarms occasioned thereby shall not result in issuance of a warning notice or imposition of

a service fee.

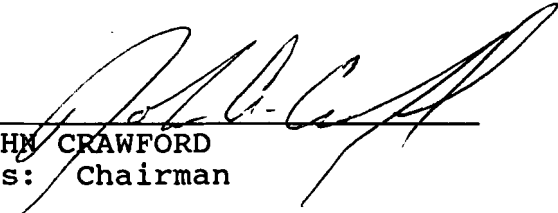
SECTION 5. NON PAYMENT

1. Non-payment of a service fee may result in further legal action by the County Attorney at the request of the Department of Emergency Services and authorization by the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

1. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its being filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA




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Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



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Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau
County Attorney



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