

TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK

ORDINANCE NO. #1043-11

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER
55 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF ROCHELLE PARK, ENTITLED
“ALARMS”**

WHEREAS, Chapter 55 of the Code of the Township of Rochelle Park regulates and provides standards for various types of intrusion, burglar and other emergency alarm equipment; and

WHEREAS, a recent review of this Ordinance to get by the Police Department and other Municipal Departments have revealed that there have been a substantial number of false alarms at commercial locations; and

WHEREAS, false alarms create a dangerous condition for responding emergency personnel and, in addition, cause a unnecessary expenditure of man hours by the various emergency services within the Township and divert these resources from other significant real emergencies; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing the Township Committee has determined that it is necessary to increase the fines and penalties for false alarms in order to encourage business owners in particular to correct the problems causing the false alarms.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION ONE: Section 55-4(D) is hereby amended to delete the following:

The Fee for new alarms shall be \$12.00

The following shall be inserted in its place:

The fee for new alarms for commercial, industrial, retail and multi family premises shall be \$100.00. The fee for new single family residence alarms shall be \$25.00.

SECTION TWO: Section 55-5 entitled “**False Alarms**” is hereby amended to delete subsection B.

SECTION THREE: Section 55-10 entitled “**Violations and Penalties**” is deleted in its entirety and replace with the following:

Any person found guilty of a violation of this chapter shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, or both, exclusive of any other fees which may have been imposed under Section 55-12. The fees imposed by Section 55-12 shall be payable in addition to any fine imposed under this section

SECTION FOUR: Section 55-12 entitled “**False Alarm Charges**” is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The charges for false alarms at commercial/industrial, office or multi family property shall be as follows:

- A. Second false alarm in a calendar year - \$100.00
- B. Third false alarm in a calendar year - \$250.00
- C. Fourth false alarm in a calendar year - \$500.00
- D. Fifth and subsequent false alarms in a calendar year - \$1,000.00/alarm

Charges for false alarms for one and two family residences shall be as follows:

- A. Second and subsequent false alarms \$50.00/alarm

SECTION FIVE: Repealer:

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

SECTION SIX: Severability:

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance, but shall be confined in its effects to the section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance directly involved in the controversy in which said judgment shall have been rendered and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION SEVEN: Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication and in the manner provided by law.

ATTEST:

VIRGINIA DE MARIA,
Municipal Clerk