

Sec. 4.504 Fees for False Alarm Notification

(a) An Alarm User shall pay a fee for each false alarm notification in accordance with a schedule to be adopted by the City Council in the current Master Fee Resolution. Each false alarm notification, other than a false fire alarm notification, is subject to the following conditions:

(1) The Chief may terminate law enforcement responses to a permit holder because of excess false alarms if the permit holder fails to pay the false alarm fees required by this Article. In order to effect termination, the Chief must issue written notice to the alarm permit holder that the account is past due on false alarm charges. The notice must specify that law enforcement responses will be terminated if the alarm permit holder does not remit payment or make arrangements for payment within a period of time not less than thirty (30) days.

(2) The Chief may set standards for burglary alarm systems to be permitted and may refuse to permit particular systems which in his discretion have a history of unreliability.

(3) The City may not consider a false burglary alarm to have occurred unless a response is made by the Police Department within thirty (30) minutes of the alarm notification and the Police Department determines from an inspection of the interior or exterior of the premises that the alarm was false.

(4) The penalty for the signaling of a false alarm by a burglary alarm system may not be imposed unless three (3) other false alarms have occurred during the preceding twelve-month period. The penalty for a false alarm shall be established as part of the City's Master Fee Resolution.

(5) For other alarm systems, no fee shall be assessed for the first three (3) false alarm notifications received during any calendar year. For alarm systems which were not in existence and use at the time of issuance of a permit, no fee shall be assessed for false alarm notifications received during the first thirty (30) days of the operation of the system and for the first three (3) false alarm notifications received during any calendar year.

(b) The permit holder shall pay a fee for each false fire alarm notification, except as follows:

For alarm systems in existence and use at the time of the issuance of a permit, no fee shall be assessed for the first three (3) false fire alarm notifications received during any calendar year. For alarm systems which were not in existence and use at the time of the issuance of a permit, no fee shall be assessed for false alarm notifications received during the first thirty (30) days of the operation of the system, and the first (3) false fire alarm notifications received during any calendar year.

Fee Schedule for False Alarms

1 to 3 False Burglary Alarms* - No fee

4 to 5 False Burglary Alarms* - \$50.00 fee per alarm

6 to 7 False Burglary Alarms* - \$75.00 fee per alarm

8 or more False Burglary Alarms* - \$100.00 fee per alarm

(*in the preceding twelve (12) month period)

The City reserves the right to revoke an alarm permit for more than eight (8) false alarms in a twelve (12) month period.