

ARTICLE XI: AUTOMATIC FIRE AND RESCUE ALARM SYSTEMS.

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**

- (i) **ALARM DEVICE:** Any device which, when activated, (a) transmits a signal to the Fire Department, (b) transmits a signal to a person or company who relays information to the Fire Department, or (c) produces an audible signal to which the Fire Department is expected to respond.
- (ii) **ALARM USER:** Any person who is the owner, or person in charge, of premises where an alarm is maintained with the Hyannis Fire District.
- (iii) **FALSE FIRE ALARM:** The activation of an alarm through negligence of an alarm user or his/her agent or employee, improper installation, mechanical failure, malfunction, or any other cause which results in the Fire Department responding when no fire or evidence of fire or an emergency exists, where it is determined after investigation by the Fire Department that no malicious activity or attempted malicious activity has occurred in the activation of such alarm device. If the Fire Department determines after investigation that malicious activity or attempted malicious activity has occurred in activating the alarm device, the Fire Department shall notify the appropriate prosecutorial authorities, and the District reserves all rights to initiate legal proceedings for such malicious or attempted malicious activity.

(b) **ALARM USER RESPONSIBILITY.**

- (i) Every alarm user shall submit to the Fire Chief their name, address, telephone number and at least one (1) other person who is authorized to respond to an emergency signal transmitted by an alarm device and who can open the premises in which the alarm device is located.
- (ii) All alarm users must notify the Fire Department, in advance, of any testing of equipment. Failure to notify the Fire Department in advance of a testing of equipment shall constitute a false alarm and be subject to the assessment schedule contained herein.

(c) **PENALTIES.**

(i) Failure to comply with Paragraphs (b)(i) or (b)(ii) above shall be punishable by a fine as noted below.

(ii) Any person who maintains, or permits to be maintained, any mechanical or electronic fire alarm device which transmits more than three (3) false reports of fire within any consecutive twelve (12) month

period, after written notification by the Fire Department, shall be punished by a fine as noted below.

(iii) By no later than June 30, 2018, the Board of Commissioners shall establish, and from time to time, amend a schedule of reasonable fines and fees for failure to comply with Paragraphs (c)(i) or (c)(ii) above.

(iv) This schedule shall be made available on the District's website, in addition to being available from the Clerk-Treasurer.