

Town of Hayward
Regulation of False Fire Alarms
ORDINANCE NO. 96-04

SECTION 1: REGULATION OF FALSE FIRE ALARMS

A. This ordinance is entitled: Town of Hayward Regulation of False Fire Alarms. The purpose of this ordinance is to give the Town of Hayward authority to enforce Section 60.555 of the Wisconsin Statutes and to prevent, detect and suppress fire and related fire hazards, and to limit the non-intentional giving of false fire alarms to any public officer or employee by means of automatic fire alarm systems.

SECTION 2: FALSE FIRE ALARM REPORTING LIMITATIONS.

A. No person shall fail to maintain in good repair an automatic telephonic fire alarm reporting system.

1. "Failure to maintain in good repair" consists of the failure to correct defects in an automatic telephonic fire alarm reporting system, which allows that system to consistently give false fire alarms to any public officer or employee, so as to eliminate the giving of false fire alarms. Failure to maintain in good repair shall include the failure to correct deficiencies in the sensors, hardware, computer, software and all other components of an automatic telephonic fire alarm reporting system. An automatic telephonic fire alarm reporting system which gives two (2) or more false fire alarms to any public officer or employee within a twelve (12) month period shall be defined as a system not in good repair.

2. "Automatic telephonic fire alarm reporting system" shall be defined as a mechanical or electrical system consisting of sensors, computer hardware and software which is used for the purpose of detecting fires and automatically telephoning public officers or employees to report the existence of or presence of a fire.

3. After an automatic telephonic fire alarm reporting system gives two false fire alarms within a period of twelve (12) months, the Town shall transmit a letter to the owner of record of the real estate upon which the automatic telephonic fire alarm reporting system exists. The letter shall enclose a copy of this ordinance and shall advise the property owner that the Town may take action under this ordinance if a third false fire alarm is received within a twelve (12) month period of the second false fire alarm.

SECTION 3: PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN AUTOMATIC TELEPHONIC FIRE ALARM REPORTING SYSTEM.

A. Any person who fails to maintain an automatic telephonic fire alarm reporting system in good repair after receiving the notification under Section 2, above, which system gives a third or subsequent false fire alarm within twelve (12) months after the second false fire alarm may be required to forfeit not less than \$100.00, plus court costs upon conviction. Each subsequent false fire alarm shall constitute a separate offense under this ordinance.

SECTION 4: INSPECTION

A. After the giving of two false fire alarms within a period of twelve (12) months by an automatic telephonic fire alarm, the Town Chairman may authorize appropriate town officials to inspect, at reasonable times, property in the Town of Hayward for compliance with this ordinance.

SECTION 5: ENFORCEMENT

A. The Town Chairman or Constable shall have the authority to enforce the maintenance of automatic telephonic fire alarm reporting systems in good repair.

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SECTION 6: ADOPTION

A. The Town Board of the Town of Hayward has, by adoption of this ordinance, confirmed the specific statutory authority, powers and duties noted in the specific sections of this ordinance and has established, by those sections and this ordinance, the regulations, controls and enforcement that may affect the failure of persons to maintain in good repair automatic telephonic fire reporting systems in the Town of Hayward.

ADOPTED THIS 1 DAY OF October, 1996.

The original Ordinance is on file at the Town of Hayward