

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF  
OLD ORCHARD BEACH

The Municipal Officers of the Town of Old Orchard Beach, Maine hereby give Public Notice that there will be a Public Hearing held at the Town Hall, Council Chambers, on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following:

Shall the Town Council of the Town of Old Orchard Beach amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Emergency Services, Article II, Alarm Systems by deleting the strikethrough language and adopted the underscored language, as follows:

Sec. 22-26. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Alarm device* means any device that will transmit by radio signal or any audible signal.

*Alarm system* means any alarm mechanism or device designed for the detection of smoke, heat or sprinkler activation, or any security alarm system.

*Alarm user* means any property that is tied directly into the town's fire alarm system by direct wire or security alarm system, or any fire or security system that is being monitored on a 24-hour basis with a reputable monitoring company, which systems are received by the town's dispatch center as an emergency response alarms.

*False alarm* means any fire or security alarm signal which is not in response to an actual alarm requiring an immediate fire or police department response, including any signal emitted by a negligently activated alarm system or by an alarm system deliberately activated when an immediate fire or police department response is not required or by a malfunctioning alarm system.

(Ord. of 6-17-1997, § 3)

**Cross reference**— Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 22-27. - Findings.

The number of fire and security alarms in use within the town has greatly increased, which has also increased the number of false alarms and associated problems which greatly impacts the ~~department of public safety's~~ Fire and Police Departments' ability to respond to emergencies.

(Ord. of 6-17-1997, § 2)

Sec. 22-28. - Violation and false alarm fees.

(a) Any alarm user whose alarm system produces more than three false alarms in one calendar year shall be considered to be a violation of this article and shall be subject to the following schedule of fees:

(1) For the fourth false alarm, ~~\$25.00.~~ \$50.00

(2) For the fifth false alarm, ~~\$35.00.~~ \$100.00

(3) For the sixth and each subsequent false alarm, ~~\$50.00.~~ \$200.00

(b) The town reserves the right to collect false alarm fees as otherwise permitted by law. All fines collected shall inure to the town.

(Ord. of 6-17-1997, § 4)

Sec. 22-29. - Appeals.

Within a ten-day period after a demand is made for payment of a fee assessed under section 22-28, the person from whom the fee is demanded may appeal the imposition of the false alarm fee to the police chief or his designee if it is a security alarm and the Fire Chief or his designee if it is a fire alarm. If no agreement can be reached after this had been done, the appeal will be to the town council. The town council may abate or reduce the fee upon good cause shown. The decision of the town council shall be final.

(Ord. of 6-17-1997, § 5)

Sec. 22-30. - Grace period.

After the installation date of any alarm system, a 30-day grace period shall be granted to any alarm user for compliance to this article.

(Ord. of 6-17-1997, § 6)

Sec. 22-31. - Enforcement.

The police chief or his designee shall enforce this article.

(Ord. of 6-17-1997, § 7)

Per Order of the Municipal Officers this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017.

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Attest:

s/Kim M. McLaughlin

Kim M. McLaughlin, Town Clerk