

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 1928

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE
IMPOSING A CHARGE FOR FALSE ALARMS AND DELETING
ORDINANCE NO. 752

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Municipality of Monroeville,
in Council assembled as follows:

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Monroeville deems it necessary for the purpose of assuring adequate public safety to protect its citizens and general public from robbery and burglary; and

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in recent years in the use of alarm systems which operate by way of the Municipal remote, by way of a central station or outside audible signal device; and

WHEREAS, improper installation, defective equipment, lack of maintenance cause alarm systems to malfunction or human error causes the alarm system to signal police; and

WHEREAS, each time the Monroeville Police Department responds to a robbery or burglar alarm because of a system malfunction or human error the estimated cost to the Municipality is a minimum of \$50.00; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the financial cost, each false alarm requires the Monroeville Police Officers to respond, thus decreasing the number of Monroeville Police Officers to respond to actual emergencies, now therefore, be it ordained and enacted to be in the public interest as follows:

SECTION 1: The following definitions apply for the purposes of this ordinance:

- A. "Alarm system" means any device designed for the detection of an unauthorized entry on the premises, unlawful act, and when activated gives a signal, either visual, audible, or both; or transmits or causes to be transmitted a signal.
- B. "Subscriber" means an owner or lesser of a premise equipped with an alarm system.
- C. "False alarm" an alert by an alarm system, which, upon investigation discloses that no burglary, attempted burglary, breaking, breaking and entering, robbery, or other acts for which it is designed to initiate police investigation or action has occurred. It shall not include alerts caused by power outages or weather conditions.

D. "Charge" shall mean an amount assessed a subscriber protected by an alarm system for a false alarm only.

E. "Calendar year" shall mean January 1 thru December 31.

SECTION 2: Whenever a false alarm is received for a premises served by an alarm system, the subscriber shall be charged an amount in accordance with the following schedule:

CHARGE PER ALARM RECEIVED DURING CALENDAR YEAR	
Less Than Four.....	No Charge
Four to Ten.....	\$25.00
Eleven or more.....	\$50.00

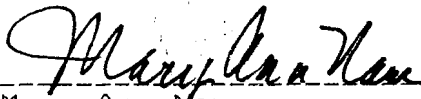
Section 3: The failure of a subscriber to pay a false alarm charge shall result in the filing of a citation before the issuing authority to institute a summary criminal proceeding.

Section 4: Any Ordinance or Resolution or part of an Ordinance or Resolution in conflict herewith is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

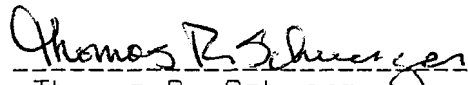
ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law this 14th day of February, 1995.

ATTEST:

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE



Mary Ann Lau
Municipal Manager



Thomas R. Schuerger
Mayor

ENTERED INTO LEGAL BOOK:

February 24, 1995