

**MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2507**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
MONROEVILLE, ALLEGHENY COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA, A HOME RULE CHARTER  
COMMUNITY, IMPOSING A CHARGE FOR FALSE  
FIRE ALARMS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Monroeville deems it necessary to impose a charge for false fire alarms in an effort to decrease the number of false fire alarms and for the purpose of assuring adequate public safety to protect its citizens and general public with respect to fire protection.

**WHEREAS**, there has been an increase in recent years in the use of fire alarm systems by way of a central station or outside audible signal device.

**WHEREAS**, improper installation, defective equipment, and lack of maintenance causes fire alarm systems to malfunction or human error cause the fire alarm system to signal the fire department.

**WHEREAS**, each time the Monroeville Fire Department responds to a fire alarm because of a system malfunction or human error there is a significant cost to the Municipality of Monroeville.

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the financial cost, each false fire alarm requires the Monroeville Fire Department to respond, thus decreases the number of Monroeville Fire Department personnel to respond to actual emergencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by**

Council of the MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE at a meeting assembled and it is hereby ordained and enacted by and with the authority of the same as follows:

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

- A. "Fire Alarm System" means any device designed for the detection of smoke or fire and when activated gives a signal, either visual, audible, or both; and / or transmits or causes to be transmitted a signal.
- B. "Subscriber" means an owner or lesser of a premise equipped with a fire alarm system.
- C. "False Fire Alarm" means an alert by a fire alarm system, which, upon investigation discloses that no fire has occurred. Activation of the fire alarm system for an identified known reason is not considered a false fire alarm.
- D. "Charge" shall mean an amount assessed a subscriber protected by a fire alarm system for a false fire alarm only.
- E. "Calendar year" shall mean January 1 thru December 31.

**SECTION 2.** Owner, owners agent and or servicing technician shall notify fire alarm monitoring company prior to servicing the fire alarm system.

**SECTION 3.** Whenever a false fire alarm is received for a premises served by a fire alarm system, the subscriber shall be charged an amount in accordance with the most recent Municipal Fee Schedule.

**SECTION 4.** The failure of a subscriber to pay a false fire alarm charge shall result in the filing of a citation before the local District Magistrate of a summary offense.

**SECTION 5.** The Fire Code Official shall prescribe and issue all forms necessary for the administration of this Ordinance including but not limited to the inspection and collection of fines for violations. The Fire Code Official may designate other Municipal personnel to enforce this Ordinance, either singly or in conjunction with each other.

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance shall take effect as effective immediately.

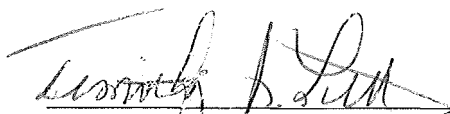
**SECTION 7.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.


**SECTION 8.** If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Monroeville Municipal Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** into law this 8th day of February, 2011.

ATTEST:

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

  
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Timothy J. Little, Manager  
Municipality of Monroeville

  
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Gregory Erosenko, Mayor  
Municipality of Monroeville

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