



TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN POLICY

Policy on False Fire Alarms

Purpose: The Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator recognize the need agree to establish procedures to follow for repeated false fire alarms for residential and commercial properties.

Policy: A false fire alarm is an alarm that is set off either maliciously, accidentally, is activated by mechanical malfunction, or is activated due to improper operating procedures.

The West Boylston Fire Department will respond to all fire alarms include those situations where somebody calls the Dispatcher to report that an alarm was accidentally activated. This is done as a precautionary measure.

The following are the conditions which the Fire Department receives alarms:

- a. An automatic Master Box alarm is received on our Fire Alarm Panel.
- b. An alarm is reported by a contract alarm service.
- c. An automatic dialer calls in a pre-recorded fire alarm message to the Communications Center.
- d. Someone reports an audible alarm in an alarmed premises (includes sprinkler system water motor gong).

Fines for repeated false alarms shall be imposed according to the schedule below. This policy shall be enforced by, and the determinations here under shall be made by the Fire Chief.

Fine Schedule:

The alarm user of any fire alarm system shall be assessed a false alarm charge of \$300.00 for each false fire alarm transmitted by such system after three (3) false alarms in a consecutive twelve (12) month period where such false alarms result in a response by the Fire Department. This shall include false alarms that are transmitted as a result of failure of a responsible party on site to inform the Fire Department of ongoing work within the building, occupancy or space; maintenance, repair, of the alarm system itself which results in the false alarm; and/or lack of proper maintenance of the fire alarm system.