

Policy for Apparatus Charges for False Alarms and Malfunctions

SECTION 4-271 FALSE ALARM, INTERFERENCE WITH SYSTEM AND POLICY FOR APPARATUS CHARGES FOR FALSE ALARMS/MALFUNCTIONS

No person shall willfully or mischievously give or cause to be given a false alarm of fire, or shall injure or in any way interfere with the fire alarm apparatus.

TYPES OF CALLS TO BE CHARGED:

1. System Malfunction due to LACK of maintenance by calling facility.
2. Two (2) or more False Alarms from a building or complex.
3. "Good Intent" from the public: no charges shall be made for these visual or auditory requests.

MANPOWER

Any charged calls shall pay \$15.00 per hour or fractional part thereof for each responding fire fighter.

APPARATUS

Hourly rates for the following shall be considered appropriate: Engine #1 = \$175.00; Engine #2 = \$150.00; Squad #1 = \$25.00. A charge shall be made for all responding units, except that the Maximum Charge for any call where apparatus responds shall not exceed \$500.00 per hour.

CHARGES START

When the Hallowell Fire Department has been called for a False Alarm two times in a year, the City of Hallowell shall charge the building owner for the costs associated with the response. Final determination of these charges is at the discretion of the Fire Chief.

[Derivation: Section 9-3, 1973 Revised Code of Ordinances; Ord. No. 09-04, effective 4/23/2009]

SECTION 4-272 PRIVATE ALARMS, INDIVIDUAL'S OBLIGATION TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN

The expense of installing and maintaining wires running from the fire alarm boxes situated in and on private property to the central fire station or to any other fire station shall be borne by the person installing such fire alarm boxes on private property or using them.

[Derivation: Section 9-4, 1973 Revised Code of Ordinances]