

ORDINANCE NO. 95-04-02

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR FALSE SECURITY ALARMS

The Board of Supervisors of Buffalo County ordains as follows:

1. False alarms constitute a problem for effective law enforcement within Buffalo County. Law enforcement personnel are diverted from other law enforcement duties when responding to false alarms. Fees are deemed desirable both to recover the cost to the County of responding to false alarm and to serve as encouragement to possessors of alarm to effectively maintain and supervise alarm systems.

2. "False alarm" means an alarm signal which elicits a response by the Sheriff's Department when a situation requiring a response by the Sheriff's Department does not in fact exist.

3. Any person having burglar, hold-up or any type of intrusion alarm shall be charged the following fees for the indicated number of false alarms responded to by the Sheriff's Department within a calendar year:

<u>Number of False Alarms</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Up to 4	No Fees
5 to 10	\$20.00 For Each False Alarm
11 and Up	\$100.00 For Each False Alarm

4. If the possessor of the alarm shows to the satisfaction of the Sheriff that such false alarm was not the result of negligence, improper maintenance, insufficient employee training, or other good and sufficient cause beyond the reasonable control of the possessor of the alarm, such fee may be waived and the response shall not count as a false alarm in computing the fee established under Section 3 above.

5. This Ordinance shall be in effect after passage and publication.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of April, 1995.

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Adopted by the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors this 18 day of April, 1995.