

Sec. 6-164. - Recoupment charge for false alarms.

- (a) *Excessive false alarms.* Five (5) or more false alarms within a calendar year are excessive.
- (b) *Failure to respond.* If a key holder does not respond within 30 minutes of the alarm, this failure to respond will be considered a false alarm.
- (c) *Recoupment of response costs.* Excessive false alarms for any alarm system within a permit year shall subject the alarm user to a charge designed to partially recoup the costs of response, said charges shall be assessed in accordance with the ~~following schedule~~ *annually adopted fee schedule.*

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Number of False Alarms	Fire Excess Response Charge	Police Excess Response Charge
Five or more in one year	\$100.00	\$100.00
Two in a 24 hour period	\$100.00	\$100.00
More than 2 in a 7 day period	\$100.00	\$100.00

Upon determination that a alarm user has exceeded any of the above number of false alarms, the alarm systems coordinator, or his designee, shall issue and deliver, by mail, a notification invoice of the response cost recoupment charge to the alarm user. Each invoice, which is not paid, when due, may be recovered by the city in a civil action in the nature of debt.

- (d) *Discountenance of alarm.* In addition to any and all legal remedies, including the costs associated with an action for collection, if the alarm user fails to pay response recoupment charges imposed under this section within 30 days of notification the police department will cease to respond to any alarm signal from the delinquent premises with the exception of robbery, hold-up alarms and panic alarms.

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