

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF BARTOW COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF **AMENDING THE CODE OF BARTOW COUNTY, CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE I, SEC. 18-3 AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR FALSE ALARMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BARTOW COUNTY HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2018.

WHEREAS, Bartow County adopted an ordinance relating to fire marshals on May 16, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the County previously adopted a fee schedule for false alarms, and the Fire Chief and Fire Marshal have recommended the adoption of this amended fee schedule to regulate the fees charged by the Fire Marshal for false alarms, which impose equipment wear and expense to the fire department, as well as reducing readiness for actual emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner deems it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Bartow County to make said amendments;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, and it is hereby ordained, that Chapter 18, Article I of the Code of Bartow County is amended as follows:

I. Section 18-3 is amended, to replace the existing fee schedule for False Alarms with the following fee schedule (the other fee schedules set forth in Sec. 18.3 shall remain unchanged):

Sec. 18-3. Fees

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False Alarm:

For commercial and industrial premises:

1st false alarm No charge

2nd false alarm in 30 calendar days 75.00

3rd false alarm in 60 calendar days 125.00

4th false alarm in a 12 month period 200.00

5th false alarm in a 12 month period 500.00

6th and subsequent false alarm in a 12 month period 1,000.00

For residential premises

1st false alarm No charge

2nd false alarm in 30 calendar days 25.00

3rd false alarm in 60 calendar days 75.00

4th false alarm in 12 month period 125.00

5th false alarm in 12 month period 200.00

6th and subsequent false alarm in 12 month period 500.00

False alarms are those alarms caused by faulty detectors that do not get repaired, faulty alarm systems, careless human activity and similar matters. Alarms caused by lightning or other matters beyond human control shall not count towards this penalty. All fines are assessed, during the specified time period, from the date of the first false alarm. Appeal of any fine assessment for false alarms shall be at the discretion of the Bartow County Fire Chief.

SO ORDAINED AND ADOPTED, this 19th day of September, 2018, to be effective immediately, the public health, safety and welfare demanding.

ATTEST:

BARTOW COUNTY, GEORGIA

Kathy Gill, County Clerk

Steve Taylor, Commissioner