

**Town of South Hampton
Selectmen's Ordinances**

FALSE ALARMS

Adopted June 30, 1983

SELECTMEN'S ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO ALARMS CAPABLE OF TRANSMITTING BURGLAR, FIRE, AND WARNING ALARMS WHICH MAY BE INSTALLED IN ANY RESIDENCE, PLACE OF BUSINESS, OR ANY OTHER BUILDING WITHIN THE TOWN OF SOUTH HAMPTON, AND WHICH ARE TRANSMITTED TO A RECEIVING STATION VIA TELEPHONE LINES.

1. No alarm may be installed unless it is approved by the Police Chief or the Fire Chief.
2. All alarms must be transmitted to the Rockingham County Sheriff's Dispatch, and must be transmitted via telephone land lines.
3. Alarm owners must provide the following information and materials to the Police Department when installing an alarm:
 1. Name, address, phone number, business phone;
 2. Exact location of the building with the alarm;
 3. Diagram of the building, interior and exterior;
 4. Description of the alarm, location of main box, and location of trips, switches, and their purposes;
 5. A current list of individuals in charge of the protected property in the absence of the owner.

This shall include the name, address, phone number, business phone of at least three (3) persons who can be contacted in the event of an emergency.

4. The Police Department will not be responsible for resetting any alarm. Keys or other access material to any building will not be maintained at the receiving station.
5. In the event the individual alarm malfunctions and the trouble is determined to be in the individual system, the alarm owner will be required to have the appropriate repairs made within 48 hours. Repeated malfunctions due to disrepair will be treated as false alarms.
6. **False Alarms.** Any individual, firm, or corporation who causes, attempts to cause, or does in fact cause a false alarm through the use of alarm reporting equipment shall be assessed a penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25).
7. False alarms due to malfunctions of equipment shall be an affirmative defense to this section (6). However, in the event any individual, firm, or corporation records four (4) or more false reports in a thirty (30) day period, they shall be assessed a penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25).
8. The Chief of Police or the Fire Chief reserve the right to order a disconnect for any alarm that is in disrepair, habitual false alarm violator, or fails to meet any of the conditions of this ordinance.
9. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.