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**AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 134 TO THE REVISED GENERAL
ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WHARTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE
OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Wharton that Chapter 134 of the revised general ordinances of the Borough of Wharton is hereby added as follows:

Chapter 134: False Fire and Burglar Alarms

§ 134-1. Penalty for false alarms.

Any person or persons who shall cause a false alarm of fire or of burglary shall be punishable as provided in Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article I, General Penalty.

§ 134-2. False electronic transmissions; fines.

False fire or burglar alarms being transmitted either by telephone through an alarm company or through the alarm console in police headquarters, for whatever reason (e.g., mechanical failure, human error, etc.), shall be subject to the following:

A. The Fire Chief or Chief of Police or their representatives, as the case may be, shall keep a written record of all false alarms received.

B. The following penalties shall be imposed for the transmission of false automatic fire or burglar alarms:

(1) For the first four false alarms in any consecutive twelve-month period, a written warning shall be sent to the property owner for the property from which the alarm was received.

(2) For all false alarms in excess of four but not to exceed eight false alarms within a consecutive twelve-month period, there shall be a fine of \$500 for each false alarm in excess of four but not to exceed eight during any such consecutive twelve-month period.

(3) For all false alarms in excess of eight but not to exceed twelve false alarms within a consecutive twelve-month period, there shall be a fine of \$1000 for each false alarm in excess of eight during any such consecutive twelve-month period.

(4) For all false alarms in excess of twelve false alarms within a consecutive twelve-month period, there shall be a fine of \$1500 for each false alarm in excess of twelve during any such consecutive twelve-month period.

(5) An exception to the above is any false alarm which is a result of either maintenance or repair of the alarm system unless the owner or an agent of the owner has called

either the Fire or Police Department, as the case may be, advising of the work being performed on the system. If a call is not made in this situation, there shall be no written warning but instead a fine shall be imposed as set forth herein.

C. All fines are payable to the Borough of Wharton. All false fire alarm fees will be paid into the Fire Prevention Trust Account of the Borough of Wharton.

First Reading: June 12, 2017
Second Reading: June 26, 2017

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR