

GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
ALARM SYSTEM ORDINANCE
01-AUG-13-AO

A. DEFINITIONS. For purposes of Sections B, C and D, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) "Alarm" shall mean an electronic device by which a signal is sent to the Kent County Sheriff's Department or to Grand Rapids Central Fire Dispatch, whether directly or indirectly, indicating a crime in progress, fire, medical or other emergency in any location.
- (2) "Alarm Call" shall mean any instance where the Kent County Sheriff's Department, the Cutlerville Fire Department or the Dutton Fire Department responds to an alarm by means of sending a police vehicle, a fire or emergency vehicle or employee of the Township.
- (3) "Chargeable False Alarm" shall mean a false alarm which is not the result of weather conditions, unavoidable power outages or in connection with tests for which advance warning is given.
- (4) "False Alarm" shall mean an alarm or call where the police officer, fire officer or other Township employee responding to the alarm finds that no fire, crime in progress or other emergency exists such as to justify the alarm call.

B. ALARM INSTRUCTIONS. The Townships, through the Kent County Sheriff's Department and the Fire Departments shall prepare and provide to the various alarm system subscribers within the Townships, alarm instructions setting forth the rights, responsibilities and fees for chargeable false alarms within the Township.

C. CHARGEABLE FALSE ALARMS. Each subscriber of an alarm system within the Townships shall be responsible for the following fees for all chargeable false alarms during any one calendar year:

	<u>Charges</u>
1 through 3 false alarm calls:	per call: No Charge
4 through 6 false alarm calls:	per call: \$75.00
7 through 9 false alarm calls:	per call: \$150.00
10 or more false alarm calls:	per call: \$200.00

D. DUTIES OF TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENTS. The Township Fire Departments shall perform the following duties and responsibilities relative to alarm systems:

- (1) Prepare and maintain necessary information for alarm systems subscribers within the Townships.
- (2) Maintain all records relative to alarm systems, alarm agreements, alarm calls, false alarms and chargeable false alarms as provided herein.
- (3) Initiate the handling of all claims for fees for chargeable false alarms as provided herein.

- (4) In the event of unusual or extraordinary circumstances, the Fire Department through the Fire Chief or his designee shall have the authority to determine that a particular alarm run shall not be considered or charged as a chargeable false alarm.
- (5) Any appeal of any fees or penalties by an alarm system subscriber, relative to chargeable false alarms shall be to the Supervisor of the respective Township having jurisdiction over the location of the alleged violation.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon publication.

Motion to Adopt- Pieters Supported by-VanLaan Ayes-all Motion Carried.

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Crystal Osterink Crystal Osterink, Township Clerk

Certification

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Gaines Charter Township Board at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, October 9, 2001 at the offices pursuant to the required statutory procedures.
Crystal Osterink, Township Clerk