

**GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Ordinance No. 2017-17**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board for Gaines Charter Township held at the Township offices within the Township on September 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., the following Ordinance/ordinance amendment was offered for adoption by Township Board Member Burnside and was seconded by Township Board Member VanderStel:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING ALARM SYSTEMS,
FALSE ALARMS AND RELATED MATTERS.**

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GAINES (the "Township") ORDAINS:

Article 1. The definition of the word "*alarm*" contained in Section 16-19 in Article II of the Gaines Charter Township Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Alarm means an electronic or similar device by which a signal is sent to the Kent County Sheriff's Department, the Grand Rapids Central Fire Dispatch, the Cutlerville Fire Department, the Dutton Fire Department or any other area police agency or fire department, whether directly or indirectly, indicating that a crime or disruption is in progress, that there is a fire, medical or other emergency in any location or that police or firefighting services or assistance is needed. The word "alarm" also means any telephone call, request or signal to any of the preceding police agencies or fire departments, whether directly or indirectly, indicating that a crime or disruption is in progress, that there is a fire, medical or other emergency in any location or that police or firefighting services or assistance is needed.

Article 2. Section 16-20 in Article II of the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Gaines is hereby amended to state as follows:

Sec. 16-20 – Alarm Instructions and Fees.

The Township, in cooperation with the Kent County Sheriff's Department, the fire departments serving the Township and any other applicable police agencies or fire departments shall prepare and provide upon request to any alarm system subscriber within the Township, alarm instructions setting forth the rights, responsibilities and fees for chargeable false alarm within the Township. The Township Board shall have the authority to set a fee or fees by resolution from time to time for police agencies or fire departments responding to false alarms, chargeable false alarms, alarms and other situations where police or a fire department responds or must respond.

Article 3. Section 16-21 in Article II of the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Gaines is hereby amended to state as follows:

Sec. 16-21 – Chargeable False Alarms.

Each subscriber and/or owner of an alarm system or owner of the property where the alarm system is located within the Township shall be responsible for payment of the fees as currently established or as hereafter adopted by resolution of the Township Board from time to time for all chargeable false or other alarms during any one calendar year. In addition, any person, entity or owner of any property who makes, causes or prompts a false or other alarm within the Township shall be responsible for payment of the fees as currently established or as hereafter adopted by resolution of the Township Board from time to time for all chargeable false or other alarms during any one calendar year.

Article 4. The Remainder of the Gaines Charter Township Code of Ordinances is Unaffected. Except as expressly amended by this Ordinance/ordinance amendment, the rest of the Gaines Charter Township Code of Ordinances remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

Article 5. Severability. Should a court of competent jurisdiction determine that any portion of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment is invalid or unconstitutional, that shall not affect the balance of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Article 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance/ordinance amendment shall become effective upon the expiration of seven (7) days after this Ordinance/ordinance amendment or a summary thereof appears in the newspaper as provided by law.

The vote to adopt this Ordinance/ordinance amendment was as follows:

YEAS: Lemke, Burnside, Haagsma, Fryling, VanderStel, Osterink, DeWard

NAYS: None

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

THIS ORDINANCE/ORDINANCE AMENDMENT IS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above is a true copy of the Ordinance/ordinance amendment adopted by the Township Board for Gaines Charter Township as of the date, time and place as specified above, pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

By *Crystal Osterink*
Crystal Osterink
Gaines Charter Township Clerk