

# NOTICE FEE FOR FALSE ALARMS

## Emergency Alarm Inspection Fee.

An Emergency Alarm Inspection Fee shall be charged for all Category II Fire Alarms.

**CATEGORY I ALARM.** An alarm requiring fire department response where the system operated properly and a fire department inspection reveals the alarm was caused by a malicious or mischievous action, a guest, circumstances beyond the control of the owner, occupant, or lessee, or by actual smoke or fire condition.

**CATEGORY II ALARM.** An alarm requiring fire department response where a fire department inspection reveals the alarm was caused by a system malfunction, by user error, or by an undetermined cause.

**SYSTEM MALFUNCTION.** An alarm which fire department inspection reveals was caused by;  
(1) poor or improper maintenance, (2) improper installation of alarm equipment, hardware, or wiring,  
(2) improper action of alarm monitoring center or fire alarm installation testing company.

**UNDETERMINED CAUSE.** Any alarm for which fire department inspection does not reveal the apparent cause.

**USER ERROR.** The intentional or negligent act or omission of an agent, employee, contractor, or representative of the owner, occupant, or lessee.

### The alarm inspection fee is as follows;

Number of alarms	Alarms within a calendar year for a system serving: 1. Any apartment building, or 2. Commercial buildings (a) Less than 180,000 sq ft (b) With 5 or fewer tenants	Alarms within a calendar Quarter for a system serving: Commercial buildings (a) 180,000 sq ft or larger, or (b) With 5 or more tenants
1	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	\$0.00	\$0.00
3	\$0.00	\$200.00
4	\$200.00	\$300.00
5	\$300.00	\$400.00
6	\$400.00	\$500.00
7 or more	Progressively increasing by \$100.00	Progressively increasing by \$100.00

**REBATE ELIGIBILITY.** The fire department may rebate over one-half of an Emergency Alarm Inspection Fee if, within 30 calendar days of the alarm, the owner, occupant, or lessee submits to the fire department written documentation, acceptable to the fire department, establishing that necessary repairs or corrections have been made to the system by a qualified agent.