

ORDINANCE 10-7
[Formerly Ordinance 283]
Amended May 2005

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING A MUNICIPAL SERVICE FEE FOR FALSE POLICE ALARMS, AND PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR NON-PAYMENT.

The Borough of Mercersburg hereby ordains:

SECTION 1. Property owners and/or tenants ("owner") who repeatedly either directly or indirectly, request that municipal services be supplied in responding to false alarms originating from alarm systems on their real estate ("real estate") shall be charged municipal service fees, as set forth in this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Each false alarm, that is, a request for police services that is unnecessary, over three (3) during each calendar half year, shall result in a fee as prescribed by resolution of Mercersburg Council in the Mercersburg Borough Schedule of Fees.

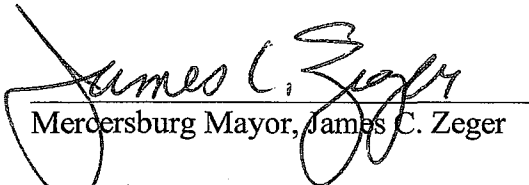
SECTION 3. The false alarm fee shall only be charged if the police are dispatched.

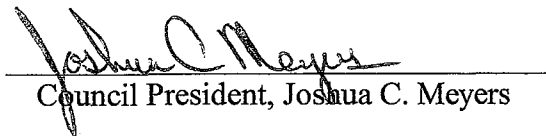
SECTION 4. The false alarm fees shall not be charged for alarms that are caused by reasons beyond the reasonable control of the owner if the owner provides the Borough with clear and convincing evidence that the cause for the false alarm was beyond his/her control.

SECTION 5. The failure of the owner to pay the fee within thirty (30) days of the date of the bill shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance and a collection fee shall be imposed in an amount as prescribed by resolution of Mercersburg Council in the Mercersburg Borough Schedule of Fees.


SECTION 6. The Borough may proceed to collect unpaid false alarm fees and collection fees as municipal claims, including the filing and enforcement of a lien.

SECTION 7. ENACTED AND ORDAINED as an ordinance this 9th day of May, 2005, by the Mercersburg Borough Council of the Borough of Mercersburg, Franklin County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.


Mercersburg Mayor, James C. Zeger


Council President, Joshua C. Meyers

ATTEST:


Secretary, Steven Mellott

Approved this 9th day of May 2005.

ORDINANCE 10-8
[Formerly Ordinance 295]

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING A MUNICIPAL SERVICE FEE FOR FALSE FIRE ALARMS, AND PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR NON-PAYMENT.

The Borough of Mercersburg hereby ordains:

SECTION 1. Property owners and/or tenants ("owner") who repeatedly, either directly or indirectly, request that municipal services be supplied in the form of Fire Department emergency equipment in response to false alarms originating from their real estate ("real estate"), shall be charged municipal service fees, as set forth in this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Each false alarm, that is, a request for fire services that is unnecessary, over three (3) during each calendar half year, shall result in a \$50.00 fee. The false alarm fees shall be billed at the end of each half calendar year.

SECTION 3. The false alarm fee shall only be charged if the Fire Department emergency equipment is dispatched.

SECTION 4. The false alarm fees shall not be charged for alarms that are caused by reasons beyond the reasonable control of the owner if the owner provides the Borough with clear and convincing evidence that the cause for the false alarm was beyond his control.

SECTION 5. The failure of the owner to pay the fee within thirty (30) days of the date of the bill shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance and a collection fee shall be imposed in the amount of \$75.00.

SECTION 6. The Borough may proceed to collect unpaid false alarm fees and collection fees as municipal claims, including the filing and enforcement of a lien.

SECTION 7. ENACTED AND ORDAINED as an Ordinance this 14th day of December, 1994, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mercersburg.

Mercersburg Borough Council

/s/

Vice President of Borough Council

ATTEST:

/s/

Secretary

The foregoing ordinance is approved this 8th day of March, 1993.

/s/

Mayor of Mercersburg