

**TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
False Alarm Reimbursement Ordinance
May 14, 2003**

Any property owner whose alarm system causes the transmittal of a non-emergency alarm more than three (3) times in any calendar year, after a 30-day start-up period for new installations, shall pay a fine of \$25.00 for each instance of a non-emergency alarm in excess of that number, upon demand by the Fire Chief; the Fire Chief shall give suitable written warning to any property owner, or to his/her designated agent, whose alarm sends a third non-emergency alarm in an calendar year. Non-emergency alarms shall include, but shall not be limited to; false alarms caused by malfunctioning equipment, accidental or negligent activation of the alarm, or improperly monitored equipment. In the event an alarm is activated as a result of a natural or unnatural event beyond the property owner's control (i.e. disruption of electrical service due to a storm, motor vehicle accident, and the like), no fee shall be imposed at the direction of the Fire Chief.

Given under our hands this 14th day of May, 2003.

Alan B. Douglass
Chair, Board of Selectmen

Proctor W. Wells
Board of Selectmen

Michael W. Rice
Board of Selectmen

Attest:

Betty Herron
Town Clerk
Town of Phippsburg