

Resolution 2026-157
A Resolution Establishing Fees For False Alarms From Automatic Fire Alarm Systems Pursuant To Ohio Revised Code Section 505.391

The Board of Trustee of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, met in person in a Regular Meeting at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 17th, 2026 at 2193 Frank Road, Columbus, Ohio. The Trustee marked below made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

☐ **Trustee Fleshman**

☒ **Trustee Blevins**

☐ **Trustee Fuller**

WHEREAS Ohio Revised Code Section 505.391 authorizes the Board of Township Trustees to assess a charge of up to Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for subsequent false alarms from an automatic fire alarm system after three false alarms from the same system within a calendar year; and

WHEREAS the Board desires to reduce repeated false alarm responses and recover a portion of the costs associated with unnecessary Fire Department responses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The following false alarm fee schedule is hereby established for automatic fire alarm systems at commercial establishments and residential buildings:

First False Alarm – No Charge

Second False Alarm – No Charge

Third False Alarm – No Charge

Fourth and Each Subsequent False Alarm – \$300.00

SECTION 2. Following three false alarms from the same automatic fire alarm system within a calendar year, written notice shall be sent by certified mail to the property owner and lessee, if any, as required by R.C. 505.391. No fee shall be assessed until the required notice has been given.

SECTION 3. All charges shall be billed and collected in accordance with R.C. 505.391. If a charge remains unpaid, the Township Fiscal Officer is authorized and directed to follow the notice, collection, and lien procedures provided by law.

SECTION 4. All funds collected pursuant to this Resolution shall be deposited into the Township treasury and earmarked for fire services as required by R.C. 505.391.

SECTION 5. The "Board" finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including but not limited to, Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall take effect upon review of legal counsel.

The following trustee marked below seconded the motion:

☒ **Trustee Fleshman**

☐ **Trustee Blevins**

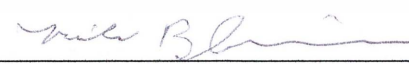
☐ **Trustee Fuller**

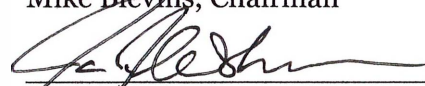
Roll was called for the adoption of the resolution, and the vote was as follows:

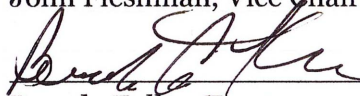
Fleshman: ☒ YES/ ☐ NO

Blevins: ☒ YES/ ☐ NO

Fuller: ☒ YES/ ☐ NO


Mike Blevins, Chairman


John Fleshman, Vice Chairman


Brenda Fuller, Trustee



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

FALSE ALARM CHARGE ASSESSMENT / INVOICE

Date Issued: _____

Business / Occupant: _____

Property Owner: _____

Service Address: _____

Parcel ID: _____

Mailing Address: _____

FALSE ALARM INFORMATION

Date of False Alarm: _____

Time of Alarm: _____

F.D. Incident No.: _____

Nature / Cause of False Alarm: _____

Prior False Alarms This Calendar Year: _____

Date Statutory Notice Was Sent: _____

ASSESSMENT

False Alarm Charge Assessed	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$ _____
Payment Due Date	_____

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 505.391 and applicable Township authority, the Franklin Township Board of Trustees assesses the charge shown above for the qualifying false alarm response identified on this invoice. The statutory maximum is \$300 for each subsequent false alarm after the threshold and required notice described in § 505.391.

Payment: Make payable to Franklin Township. Include the Assessment Number, property address, and Fire Department Incident Number with payment.

NONPAYMENT NOTICE

Ohio Revised Code § 505.391 provides procedures for collection of an unpaid assessment, including additional notice and, when statutory requirements are met, certification of the unpaid amount for placement on the tax duplicate as a lien against the real estate and collection in the same manner as other taxes. The Township will follow all notice and collection requirements required by law.

Prepared By: _____

Title: _____

Board Resolution / Authorization No.: _____



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

CERTIFIED FALSE ALARM WARNING NOTICE

NOTICE PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE § 505.391

Date of Notice:

Business / Occupant:

Property Owner:

Service Address:

Parcel ID:

Mailing Address:

FALSE ALARM HISTORY

Alarm	Date	Time	Incident No.	Cause / Notes
1				
2				
3				
Additional				

The Franklin Township Board of Trustees hereby provides written notice that, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 505.391 and Board Resolution, after three false alarms from an automatic fire alarm system at a commercial establishment or residential building within the same calendar year, the Board may assess a charge of up to \$300 for each subsequent false alarm after the required notice has been provided. The owner and lessee, if any, should promptly inspect, repair, maintain, or otherwise correct the situation and/or cause to prevent additional false alarms.

TOWNSHIP RECORD

Prepared By:

Title:

Date Mailed:

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