

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, SECTION 31.11 OF THE REVISED  
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE  
(ALARM SYSTEMS; VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES)**

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**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY** that Chapter 5, Section 31.11 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange be and are hereby amended as follows:

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this ordinance is to modify the fines set forth in Chapter 5, Section 31.11 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange to be amendable by Resolution such that it is amendable in the future by approval of the Township Council, a necessity in an everchanging socioeconomic climate.

**II. CHAPTER 5, SECTION 31.11 SHALL BE AND HEREBY IS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED TO INCORPORATE THE FOLLOWING:**

**§5-31.11 BE AND HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

- The portion entitled “Violations and Penalties” which specifies the fine paid to the Township of West Orange if a person or business is found guilty of a violation of this section of the Township Municipal Code shall be repealed and replaced by the following language:
  - a. False Alarms.
    - 1. For the first false alarm without satisfactory reason in any twelve-month period, a written warning shall be issued.
    - 2. For the second false alarm without satisfactory reason in the same twelve-month period, a fine ~~of \$50~~ prescribed by Resolution shall be paid to the Township.
    - 3. For the third or subsequent false alarm without satisfactory reason in the same twelve-month period, a fine ~~of a \$100~~ prescribed by Resolution shall be paid to the Township.
    - 4. When deciding to issue a summons for violations of this section, the emergency service worker should consider the time period between activations in order to allow the alarm subscriber time to effect repairs to the systems.
  - b. Other Violations and Penalties. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section, except as set forth in Subsection a above shall, for each offense, be liable to the penalty, upon conviction, as stated in Chapter 1, § 1-5. Each incident shall be considered a separate violation.

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**III. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES**

Any Ordinances of the Township which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**IV. SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

**V. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

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**SUSAN MCCARTNEY, MAYOR**

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**TAMMY WILLIAMS,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**KAREN J. CARNEVALE, R.M.C.  
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

**INTRODUCED: May 2, 2023**

**ADOPTED: July 11, 2023**

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**ADOPTED:**

**Legislative History**

The purpose of this ordinance is to modify the fines set forth in Chapter 5 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange to be subject to adjustment by Resolution.