

TOWN OF EAST GREENBUSH

LOCAL LAW NO. _____ OF THE YEAR 2021

A LOCAL LAW TO IMPOSE CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR EMERGENCY ALARMS WITHIN THE TOWN OF EAST GREENBUSH WHICH TRANSMIT FALSE ALARMS TO THE EAST GREENBUSH POLICE DEPARTMENT OR A FIRE DISTRICT OR COMPANY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EAST GREENBUSH AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

The purpose of this local law is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of the Town East Greenbush, including the protection of the property of the Town and its inhabitants, by imposing penalties for false alarms generated by emergency alarm systems within the Town.

Section 2.

Definitions:

A. Emergency alarm

Any alarm system designed to send a signal, recorded or otherwise, which terminates in any manner at the Police Department of the Town of East Greenbush, at any fire company or fire district within the Town , or at any medical emergency service within the Town.

B. False alarm

A signal emitted by an emergency alarm, which signal results in actual communication to or with the East Greenbush Police Department, a fire company or fire district within the Town of East Greenbush, or at any medical emergency service within the Town, which communication falsely indicated that there is or has been a fire, burglary, intrusion, or medical emergency at any premises in the Town of East Greenbush. A false alarm does not include signals emitted by an emergency alarm caused by or as a result of circumstances such as storms or acts of god beyond the control of the emergency alarm user.

Section 3.

Penalties

- a. Penalties as set forth hereafter may be imposed against the person, corporation or other entity owning the real property from which the false alarm was emitted.
- b. The penalties for false alarms which may be imposed against any person, corporation or other entity for the occurrence of false alarms caused by such emergency alarm users are as follows:
 - (1) A civil fine not exceeding \$100.00 for the first such false alarm;

- (2) A civil fine not exceeding \$200.00 for the second such false alarm, committed within one year of the first false alarm;
- (3) A civil fine not exceeding \$500.00 for the third and subsequent false alarms committed within a year of the second such false alarm;
- c. A notice of violation hereunder, returnable on a specified day in East Greenbush Town Court, may be served upon an alleged violator by personal service upon the owner, manager, or person in control of the premises, or by certified mail, directed to the owner at said owner's address as maintained on the assessment roll of the Town of East Greenbush and may be served by the Town Clerk or a police officer of the Town of East Greenbush.

Section 4.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately.