

Ordinance #3-05

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING FALSE FIRE ALARMS

WHEREAS, activated emergency fire alarm systems are many times false, and responses to such alarms reduce the available resources of the Town of White Pine Fire Department, and;

WHEREAS, adequate maintenance of such emergency fire alarm systems can reduce the number of such false alarms,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of White Pine, Tennessee, that:

Section 1. A **CHAPTER 5. False fire alarms.** be added to **TITLE 7** of the Town of White Pine Municipal Code as follows:

Chapter 5 False Fire Alarms

SECTION

7-501. Definitions. (a) False emergency alarm - Any signal actuated by an emergency alarm to which the Fire Department responds which is not the result of fire or other actual emergency and not caused by an extraordinary act of nature.

(b) Owner and/or operator - A person or persons who resides in or operates a business in which an emergency alarm is connected.

7-502. Notices and penalties. The following schedule of notices, warnings, penalties, and costs shall be assessed to the owners and/or operators of emergency alarm systems for false emergency alarms transmitted to the fire department within any year.

First false emergency alarm - Verbal notification by the Fire Chief of the Town of White Pine or by the White Pine Code Enforcement Officer.

Second false emergency alarm - Written warning informing the owner or operator of the alarm system of the provisions of this ordinance and of the occurrence of a second violation.

Third emergency false alarm - A fine of up to \$50.00 may be imposed.

Fourth and subsequent emergency false alarms - For each violation a fine of \$50.00 shall be imposed and the actual costs of such response by the fire department including the costs of equipment, fuel, personnel,

administration, and other such factors as determined by the fire chief may also be imposed.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Mayor

Recorder

Passed on 1st reading _____ day of _____, 2005.

Passed on 2nd reading _____ day of _____, 2005.