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**AMENDMENT TO PORTLAND CITY CODE
CHAPTER 10. FIRE PREVENTION
ART. VIII. SIGNALING SYSTEMS FOR THE
PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY
SECTION 10-104**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED AS FOLLOWS:**

*That section 10-104 of the Portland City Code is hereby
amended to read as follows:*

Sec. 10-104. False alarm penalties.

(a) *Third response.* Once a third response to a false alarm within any calendar year has been identified by the fire chief or his/her designee, the fire chief shall give written notice of the false alarm to the alarm user within ten (10) business days, and the alarm user shall file a written report with the chief within five (5) days thereafter stating the cause of the false alarm, if known, and describing corrective action taken, if any.

(b) *Fourth, fifth and sixth responses.* For the fourth, fifth and sixth responses to a false alarm by the fire department within any calendar year, the alarm user shall, upon demand, pay a penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per instance and shall, in the case of any equipment failure, file with the fire chief within three (3) days of notice to do so a signed statement by a qualified private alarm agent that the alarm system has been inspected and is in proper working order. In the case of human error or other cause, the alarm user shall file a written report with the fire chief describing corrective action taken, if any.

(c) *Seventh and subsequent responses.* For the seventh and subsequent responses by the fire department to a false alarm within any calendar year, the alarm user shall, upon demand, pay a penalty of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00).

(d) *Written notice deemed complete.* Written notice by the fire chief shall be complete upon leaving such notice at or in the property at the time of response by the fire department or by mailing such notice within ten (10) business days by first class mail.

