

Caddo Parish Fire District Three



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FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER THREE CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA

This Resolution was presented to and approved by the Board of Commissioners of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three at a public meeting which was held on the 29th day of August, 2024, with due notice, a quorum of said Board of Commissioners was present in person and acting.

RESOLUTION #3

A Resolution adopting a fee schedule to address nuisance fire alarms in Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three for the year 2024:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Caddo Fire District Number Three authorized, confirmed and consented to the following resolution to address the occurrence of nuisance fire alarms that cause undue wear and tear on the equipment and unduly risk the safety of the public and Fire Department personnel when responding to nuisance alarms.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following resolution was adopted:

1. Definitions.

- (a) "Alarm System" will mean any mechanical or electrical device which is designated or used for the detection of burglars, intruders, robbery, theft, fire, security breach, need for medical assistance, or hazard (collectively referred to as an "emergency" or "emergencies") within a building, structure, or facility, or for alerting others to the commission of an unlawful act or hazard within a building, structure, or facility, or both, and which emits a sound, light, signal, or transmits a signal or message when activated, including, but not limited to, direct dial telephone devices, and burglar alarms. This does not include those devices which are used only to alert or signal persons within the premises in which the devices are located of an emergency, and which do not transmit when activated an electronic, telephonic or other signal to a location other than the premises in which the devices are located.

(b) “False Alarm Signal” will mean the activation of an Alarm System when there is no emergency through mechanical failure, malfunction, improper design, installation or utilization, vice or defect of an Alarm System, or negligence of the Owner, their employees or agents, and which results in response or attempted response by the Fire Department or emergency medical personnel.

(c) “Owner” will mean any person who owns the property protected or serviced by an Alarm System or upon which an Alarm System is located. This includes a lessee or occupant of the property referred to above who has responsibility for the Alarm System located upon such property, or who owns, leases, or has installed the Alarm System, or on whose request the Alarm System has been installed.

2. Payment of Fees for False Alarm Signals. The Owner will be responsible for payment of the following fees for a False Alarm Signal where no fire or emergency exists:

(a) No fee for the first three (3) False Alarm Signals during any period of twelve (12) consecutive months; a notice will be sent to the Owner informing same of the false or nuisance alarm including the date(s) and time of the alarm activation;

(b) Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for the fourth False Alarm Signal during any period of twelve (12) consecutive months; or

(c) Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the fifth and any subsequent False Alarm Signal during any period of twelve (12) consecutive months.

3. Fire Personnel Waiting for Owner Assistance. In the event that the Fire Department or emergency medical service personnel remain at the site initiating a False Alarm Signal for more than forty-five (45) minutes waiting for assistance from the Owner, an additional fee in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) will be due for the first hour, and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each additional hour.

4. Certain Alarm Signals Not Considered False Alarm. Alarm signals proven by the Owner to be the result of malicious acts of persons not under the control of the Owner, first time defect in the equipment operating the alarm signal, or of acts of God will not be considered as false alarms.

5. Notices of Assessments Pursuant to This Resolution. First notices sent to Owners pursuant to this resolution will be sent to the Owner’s municipal address via first class mail within thirty days of the first False Alarm Signal.

6. Failure to Remit Payment May Result in Civil Remedies. To the extent permitted by Louisiana law, failure to remit payment of the assessments associated with this Resolution may result in the pursuit of civil collection remedies against the Owners, including, without limitation, pursuit of payment in a suit on open account.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the Resolution was adopted by no less than a 50% plus 1 majority of the total membership of the Board of Commissioners voting in favor thereof as required by law, the vote being as follows:

[David Kerley] ___ Yea ___ Nay ___ Absent ___ Abstain

[Gary Roan] ___ Yea ___ Nay ___ Absent ___ Abstain

[Helen Mazier] ___ Yea ___ Nay ___ Absent ___ Abstain

[Susan Tuberville] ___ Yea ___ Nay ___ Absent ___ Abstain

[Mickey Walker] ___ Yea ___ Nay ___ Absent ___ Abstain

SECRETARY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT THREE

CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT THREE

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the of the resolution adopted at a public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Caddo Parish Fire District Number Three held on August 29, 2024 at which meeting a quorum was present and voting, and that same remains in full force and effect.

Greenwood, Louisiana this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Caddo Fire District Three