

§ 134.051 FIRE FALSE ALARMS

(A) Any person knowingly communicating by electronic means, or otherwise turning in, causing to be made, or communicating a false alarm, including but not limited to audible or visual alarms to the Fire Department shall be in violation of this section. After two false alarms are reported to the Fire Department within a 12-month period, fines shall be assessed as set forth in § [134.99](#)(B) for each violation.

(B) Whenever an alarm is activated in the city, thereby requiring a response to the location by the Fire Department, a fire official on the scene of the activated system shall inspect the premises protected by the system and shall determine whether the city's response was due to a false alarm.

(C) In making said determination, the fire official shall presume that the alarm was a false alarm where there is no sign or physical evidence of a fire.

(D) Any person failing to post a telephone number to be called in the case of an emergency in the window or door of his or her business premises shall be in violation of this section. This posting shall be in a place visible to individuals outside of the business premises.

(E) Failure to post a telephone number in the window or the door of a business premises as required by division (D) of this section will be punished by a fine as set forth in § [134.99](#) for each violation.

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§ 134.99 PENALTY.

(A) The violation of any provision of this chapter for which another penalty is not otherwise provided, shall be punished as set forth in § [130.99](#).

(B) After two false alarms are reported violating § [134.051](#), a fine of \$100 shall be imposed for the third violation, \$200 for the fourth violation, \$300 for the fifth and subsequent alarm violations within a 12-month period. Once the alarm system has been repaired and re-certified, any additional false alarms that follow in the same 12-month period shall begin at the \$100 fee and progress as stated in this section for subsequent false alarms.

(C) Failure to post a telephone number as required by § [134.051](#)(D) will be punished by a fine of not more than \$150 for each violation.

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