

City of Cambridge

In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty-One

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to an Ordinance formerly entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge" as revised in 1972 and now designated as "The Code of the City of Cambridge."

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Chapter Nine entitled: "Electricity" is hereby amended by adding at the end of section 9-33, a new section 9-34 entitled: "Connection of Private Fire Alarm Systems to Cambridge Fire Alarm System", which reads as follows:

Sec. 9-34. Connection of Private Fire Alarm Systems to Cambridge Fire Alarm System.

(a) Private fire alarm systems may be connected to the Cambridge fire alarm system by obtaining prior written approval from the City Electrician. Detailed plans of the interior fire alarm system must be submitted to the City Electrician and the Bureau of Fire Prevention, and must be approved by them. The fee for direct connection to the municipal system shall be \$300 per installation and \$300 per year (or part thereof) thereafter, payable on August 1 of each year.

(b) Owner's Responsibility. All wires and other material necessary for connection to the property shall be supplied by the owner to the City Electrician for connection to the nearest utility pole or manhole, as designated by the City Electrician. The owner is responsible for making the connection from that point to his building.

The owner shall maintain all wires and other equipment on his property. If faults develop in any part of the interior system, the City Electrician, after notifying the owner, may disconnect any or all of the interior system from the municipal system, until necessary repairs are made. Wiring from the utility pole or manhole to the building shall be maintained by the owner.

(c) Testing. If any person requests that his private fire alarm system be disconnected for the purpose of testing or maintenance of the alarm system, the charge will be as

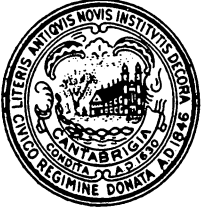
follows:

- (1) between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, no charge
- (2) between 4:00 p.m. and midnight, Monday through Friday, $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the salary, for a 4-hour period, of the employee performing the work
- (3) between midnight and 8:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, twice the salary, for a 4-hour period, of the employee performing the work
- (4) any time Saturday or Sunday, twice the salary, for a 4-hour period, of the employee performing the work.

All requests for disconnecting the alarm system for the purpose of testing or maintenance must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Failure to do so will result in a charge of \$25, except that up to two disconnections within a 5-day period, required by emergency repairs, shall be exempt from such charge.

(d) Private Fire Alarm Companies. Private fire alarm companies which are connected to the municipal system by leased telephone lines shall be charged \$25 per year per assigned box alarm number. The alarm company will be solely responsible for maintenance of these lines and all related equipment, including equipment which is located in the Cambridge Fire Alarm Headquarters.

(e) Administrative Rules. The City Electrician may promulgate such rules as may be necessary for implementation of this section.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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September 14, 1981

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed herewith is a proposed amendment to Chapter Nine of the Ordinances of the City of Cambridge entitled "Connection of Private Fire Alarm Systems to Cambridge Fire Alarm System".

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Proposed amendment to Chapter Nine entitled
"Connection of Private Fire Alarm Systems to
Cambridge Fire Alarm System".

In City Council,

September 14, 1981

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*Referred to the
Comm on. Ordinances*

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