

## ORDINANCE # 45

### FALSE ALARMS

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Supervisors of Great Bend Township that there has been a problem with false alarms being generated to our Fire, Police, and other Emergency Personnel; and

WHEREAS it is a duty of the Great Bend Township Board of Supervisors to protect its emergency personnel and to reduce the generation of false alarms; and

WHEREAS there is a criminal statute located at 18PA C.S. Section 7511 prohibiting false alarms and providing for penalties regarding violation of the law; and

WHEREAS there is a need for a Civil Penalty in addition to the Criminal Penalty.

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained that it shall be a violation of the laws of Great Bend Township to cause, allow or permit three false alarms or more to occur within a twelve month period within a home, apartment house, multiple family dwelling unit, regulated or subsidized dwelling building, business office, commercial operation, garage or any other location within the confines of Great Bend Township.

It is specifically decreed that any multiple family, unit, or apartment building shall be determined to be one location and that each unit within it shall not be taken as a separate dwelling.

A violation of this Ordinance shall result in a minimum fine of \$300.00 up to \$1,000.00 increasing by at least \$100.00 for each offense after the first up to a maximum penalty of \$2,500.00 for each offense.

The fines imposed herein shall be in addition to any fines levied as a result of criminal prosecution and conviction.

All fines received shall be paid to the General Fund of Great Bend Township.

Should any portion of this Ordinance be found to be invalid, the rest and remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force.

This Ordinance shall be effective thirty days from the date hereof.

ATTESTED:

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
GREAT BEND TOWNSHIP

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DATE: April 7, 2003

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