

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at  
the Request of the Mayor  
Prepared by: Anchorage Fire Department  
For reading: September 13, 2011

CLERK'S OFFICE  
**APPROVED**

Date:

9-27-11

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AO No. 2011-94**

1 **AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION**  
2 **23.45.401.3 REGARDING FALSE ALARMS AND EMERGENCY FORCES**  
3 **NOTIFICATION.**

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6 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**

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8 **Section 1:** Anchorage Municipal Code section 23.45.401.3 is hereby repealed.  
9 The text of the section is set forth in its entirety:

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11 **[23.45.401.3 EMERGENCY FORCES NOTIFICATION.**

12 AMEND BY ADDING NEW SUBSECTION 401.3.4 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:


13 **401.3.4 FALSE ALARM CHARGES.** THE OWNER OF A BUILDING  
14 CONTAINING A FIRE ALARM OR FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM SHALL PAY A  
15 CHARGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION AMC SECTION 8.40.040 FOR  
16 EACH AND EVERY FALSE ALARM TO WHICH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
17 RESPONDS.

18 AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "FALSE ALARM" MEANS AN ALARM SIGNAL  
19 GENERATED BY A FIRE ALARM SYSTEM REPORTING AN ALARM FOR WHICH  
20 NO FIRE OR EMERGENCY ACTUALLY EXISTS, AND INCLUDES SYSTEM  
21 MALFUNCTIONS, FAULTY OPERATION OF DETECTORS, AND FALSE ALARMS  
22 NOT CLASSIFIED ABOVE. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE INCIDENTS WHERE THE  
23 DETECTOR OR SYSTEM OPERATED AS DESIGNED, SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED  
24 TO, A SMOKE DETECTOR SOUNDING FROM SOMEONE SMOKING UNDER THE  
25 DETECTOR OR A MANUAL PULL STATION BEING PULLED.]


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27 (AO No. 2011-4(S))

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29 **Section 2:** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and  
30 approval.

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32 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
33 September, 2011.

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37 Chair

38 ATTEST:

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42 Municipal Clerk

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**Summary of Economic Effects -- General Government**

AO Number: 2011-94

Title: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL  
 CODE SECTION 23.45.401.3 REGARDING FALSE ALARMS  
 AND EMERGENCY FORCES NOTIFICATION.

Sponsor: MAYOR  
 Preparing Agency: Fire Department, Fire Prevention  
 Others Impacted: None

<b>CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES:</b>	<b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>			
	<u>FY11</u>	<u>FY12</u>	<u>FY13</u>	<u>FY14</u>
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>				
1000 Personal Services				
2000 Non-Labor				
3900 Contributions				
4000 Debt Service				
<b>TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Add: 6000 Charges from Others				
Less: 7000 Charges to Others				
<b>FUNCTION COST:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
<b>CAPITAL:</b>				
<b>POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp</b>				

**PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:**

This ordinance has no significant impact on the public sector.

**PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:**

This ordinance has no economic impact on the private sector.

This ordinance removes the language and examples from the fire code leaving them in title 8.40.  
 There are no fee changes.

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# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 478-2011

Meeting Date: September 13, 2011

1 FROM: MAYOR

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3 SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE  
4 SECTION 23.45.401.3 REGARDING FALSE ALARMS AND  
5 EMERGENCY FORCES NOTIFICATION.  
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8 The 2009 International Fire Code was amended in May of 2009 to include fees for false  
9 alarms in buildings. This section is also included in AMC 8.40 where the complete  
10 language of the fee structure is outlined. The section in the fire code needs to be  
11 deleted to maintain consistency and reduce ongoing conflicts in the two codes.  
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14 THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE  
15 REPEALING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 23.45.401.3 REGARDING  
16 FALSE ALARMS AND EMERGENCY FORCES NOTIFICATION.  
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19 Prepared and Approved by: Mark Hall, Fire Chief  
20 Concur: Cheryl Frasca, Director, OMB  
21 Concur: Dennis A. Wheeler, Municipal Attorney  
22 Concur: George J. Vakalis, Municipal Manager  
23 Respectfully Submitted: Daniel A. Sullivan, Mayor