

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 329**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES OF WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP CONTAINING  
LICENSES, PERMITS AND GENERAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Wrightstown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania has enacted an Ordinance regulating Automatic Fire and Burglar Alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to amend the Automatic Fire and Burglar Alarm Ordinance to update the penalties for violations.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it, and it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of Wrightstown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania as follows:

**ARTICLE I.**

Section 13-108 of the Wrightstown Township Codified Ordinances is amended by deleting subsection 1 and replacing it as follows:

1. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a magisterial district judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine in the amount listed in the Township's Fee Schedule plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

**ARTICLE II.**

Section 13-108 shall be amended by deleting subsection 3 and replacing it as follows:

3. On the third accidental alarm, a fine in the amount set forth in the Township's Fee Schedule will be assessed. Additional fines as set forth in the Township's Fee Schedule will be assessed for the fourth, fifth, and sixth alarms after which time the Police Department or Fire Marshal can certify the system to be out of service until repaired.

**ARTICLE III.**

Section 13-108 shall be revised by deleting subsection 5 and replacing it with the following:

5. Any alarm company who monitors fire and/or burglar alarm systems with the Township who fails to maintain up to date information including subscriber name, street address (no post office boxes), physical location, a description of the residence (or building), day and night contacts, day and night phone numbers, or who fails to provide such information to the fire or police dispatchers when reporting an alarm, will be sentenced to pay a fine in the amount set forth in the Township’s Fee Schedule plus costs and, in default of payment of said fines and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

**ARTICLE IV.**

Any Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency. All Ordinances unaffected by this Ordinance are hereby declared to be in full force and effect.

**ARTICLE V.**

The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall have no effect on the remaining provisions of this Ordinance or on the provisions for the Wrightstown Automatic Fire and Burglar Alarm Ordinance.

**ARTICLE VI.**

This Ordinance shall take affect five (5) days after adoption.

**ENACTED AND ORDAINED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2023.

**ATTEST:**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP**

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Stacey Mulholland, Manager

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