

**ORDINANCE 2011-2**  
**First reading 10/2/10**  
**Second reading 11/6/10**  
**Amended 1/11/11**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REPEATED FALSE ALARMS**

WHEREAS, the Limestone Township Fire Protection District ("the District") finds it in the public interest and desires to promote and protect the health, safety, welfare and convenience of the public and otherwise provide adequate protection from fire for lives and property;

WHEREAS, it is not in the public's interest for District resources to be used in responding to false fire alarms; and

WHEREAS, the rights of the people of the District to receive adequate protection from fire for lives and property remains paramount;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Limestone Township Fire Protection District as follows:

- A. This Ordinance is passed pursuant to 70 ILCS 705/6(h) and the District is authorized to enforce this Ordinance under that statute and all other applicable authority existing in statute, regulation, or common law.
- B. Any person, firm, entity, association or corporation who causes two or more false fire alarms within one (1) calendar year, the Occupant shall be fined \$ 500 for each false alarm.
- C. If the District determines a violation of this Ordinance exists, written notice will be provided to those deemed to be in violation. Anyone in violation of this Ordinance may appeal the decision of the District, which will then hold a hearing on the issue at its next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting. Any appeal must be in writing and filed with the Secretary of the District Board of Trustees within thirty (30) days of the date of receiving notification from the District of the violation.
- D. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provisions shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.
- E. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption and ten (10) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the District.
- F. All other District ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.
- G. If any part of this Ordinance is found to be in conflict with any other ordinance, resolution or order, or parts thereof, legally enacted by any other public body within the District's jurisdiction, the most restrictive or highest standard will prevail, except that any conflict shall not limit the District's ability to extinguish any fire, provide any other services deemed appropriate by District personnel, or recover its costs related thereto in any way.

ADOPTED this 12 day of MARCH, 2011, by a vote of  
5 AYES, 0 NAYS, and 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Andrew Bond  
President, Board of Trustees

Valie Bassett  
Secretary, Board of Trustees