ORDINANCE NO. 9-2025

AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AMEND CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 555.3(b)(2), 555.4(a) REGARDING FALSE ALARMS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, at the recommendation of the New Philadelphia Fire Chief, desires to amend the City's codified ordinances with regard to False Alarms.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 555.3(b)(2) is hereby amended to read as follows:

555.3 (b)

(2) For each false alarm after the third false alarm call within a one-year period, a graduated fee shall be imposed as follows:

$150 for the fourth offense
$200 for the fifth offense
$250 for the sixth offense
$350 for the seventh offense
$450 for the eighth and all subsequent offenses

SECTION 2. Ordinance 555.4(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

555.4

(a) Excessive False Alarms. No Alarm User, having been sent each of the written notices for more than three false alarms, as provided in Section 555.03, shall permit a false alarm to occur within a one-year period. This section shall be construed to impose strict liability for all false alarms occurring after the notices in Section 555.03 have been sent.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and its immediate passage is necessary in order to preserve, protect and maintain the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

PASSED: June 23, 2025

Donald C. Kemp
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

JULIE COURTRIGHT
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:

JOEL B. DAY
MAYOR

SPONSORED BY: SPECIAL AND CONTACT COMMITTEE

1st Reading May 29, 2025
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3rd Reading June 23, 2025

CERTIFICATION

To certify that Ordinance No. 9-2025 was published in Times Reporter under these dates.

July 1, 2025

Julie Courtright

Clerk