

ORDINANCE NO. 2559

ROSS TOWNSHIP
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROSS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE ROSS TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES (LICENSES, PERMITS AND GENERAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS), BY AMENDING PART 5 AND UPDATING AND REPLACING WITH NEW PROVISIONS TO CORRECTLY IDENTIFY THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY 911 EMERGENCY CALL CENTER, TO REPLACE THE PENALTY PROVISIONS AND TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION TO START OR SPREAD ANY FALSE ALARM, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO FALSE ALARMS CAUSED BY IMPROPERLY MAINTAINED ALARM SYSTEMS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, Ross Township is a First Class Township in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania (the "Township"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.44 of the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code, 53 P.S. section 56544, the Township Board of Commissioners has the authority to enact and amend provisions of the Code of Ordinances of Ross Township (the "Code") at any time it deems necessary for the health, safety, morals, cleanliness, beauty, convenience, comfort and general welfare of the Township and the inhabitants thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Township has joined the Allegheny County 911 Emergency Call Dispatch System (the "County 911 System"); and

WHEREAS, the current ordinance does not reflect that the Township has joined the County 911 System; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance finds that excessive false alarms unduly burden the Township and the County 911 System's limited resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township deems it necessary to amend the Code to regulate emergency services alarm monitoring.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF ROSS TOWNSHIP, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY AND WITH THE SAME THAT:

SECTION 1

The Township Code, Chapter 13, (Licenses, Permits and General Business Regulations), Part 5 (False Alarms) is hereby repealed in part and replaced with the following amendments.

SECTION 2

Chapter 13, Section 501 is amended to remove the reference to "Newcom 911 Center" and replace it with the Allegheny County 911 Emergency Call Dispatch System (the "County 911 System");

SECTION 3

Chapter 13, Section 502 is amended to remove the reference to "Newcom 911 Center" and replace it with "the County 911 System".

SECTION 4

Chapter 13 Section 503(1) ("Penalties") is amended to remove the penalty for violation of Section 501 from "a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs" and replace it with "a service fee in an amount to be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board of Commissioners".

SECTION 5

Chapter 13 Section 503 (1) ("Penalties") is amended to remove "in which event no proceedings shall be initiated; and provided further, that no proceedings or service fee shall be charged and/or initiated for a first offense occurring within each quarter of the calendar year" and replace it with "in which event no proceedings shall be initiated; and provided further, that no proceedings or service fee shall be charged and/or initiated for a first offense in any calendar month".

SECTION 6

Chapter 13 Section 503(2) ("Penalties") is amended to remove the penalty for violation of Section 501 from "a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs" and replace it with "a service fee in an amount to be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board of Commissioners".

SECTION 7

The appropriate Officers of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8

In the event that any section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance shall be declared illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not prevent or otherwise foreclose enforcement of any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 9:

If any Township Ordinance is inconsistent with or in direct conflict with this Ordinance, it is hereby repealed, but only to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ROSS
TOWNSHIP THIS 17th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.**

ATTEST:



**Jessica Crawshaw
Township Manager**

TOWNSHIP OF ROSS

By: 

**Daniel DeMarco, President
Board of Commissioners**