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CITY OF TORONTO

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To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 442, Fees and Charges, Administration of, respecting false fire alarms.

WHEREAS the City considers it, in its best interests, to reduce the number of false fire alarm occurrences and encourage measures likely to protect the health and safety of its inhabitants;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. Section 442-2J of Chapter 442, Fees and Charges, Administration of, is deleted and replaced with the following:

“J. False fire alarm reimbursement.

- (1) If an owner of a building has paid a fee for services or activities provided or done by the Fire Department in respect of a false fire alarm at the owner’s building, as prescribed in items 28 and 29 in Schedule 1 of Appendix B of Chapter 441, Fees and Charges (called in this Subsection the “fee”), and the owner has since the false fire alarm installed in the building a proper security system, or taken other measures, to reduce the likelihood of the occurrence of a false fire alarm at the building in the future, the owner may apply to the City to be reimbursed for the fee so paid.
- (2) An application for reimbursement under Subsection J(1) shall include proof, satisfactory to the Fire Chief, of the installation of a proper security system or of the other measures taken to reduce the likelihood of the occurrence of a false fire alarm at the building in the future, or both, and of the cost of the system or other measures taken.
- (3) The applicant shall submit invoices and such other supporting documentation as the Fire Chief may request in support of the application for reimbursement under Subsection J(1).
- (4) The Fire Chief may approve the application for reimbursement made under Subsection J(1) and may approve the amount of reimbursement and reimburse the owner the amount so approved if the Fire Chief is satisfied that:
 - (a) The owner has installed a proper security system or taken other measures that the Fire Chief considers sufficient to reduce the likelihood of the occurrence of a false fire alarm at the owner’s building in the future; and
 - (b) The costs submitted with respect to the system or other measures taken have been incurred for the purpose reducing the likelihood of the occurrence of a false fire alarm at the building in the future.

- (5) The reimbursement under Subsection J(4) shall
- (a) Be limited to the lesser of:
- [1] A maximum of 90 percent of the fee paid by the owner within the twelve-month period preceding the date of application; and
- [2] A maximum of the costs, determined by the Fire Chief, to have been incurred by the owner, within the twelve-month period preceding the date of application, to install a proper security system, or to take such other measures, for the purpose of reducing the likelihood of the occurrence of a false fire alarm at the building in the future; and
- (b) Not include reimbursement of any charges levied against the owner under this subsection in respect of an overdue fee or the collection of the fee by the City.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 6th day of December, A.D. 2006.

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