

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING, Chapter 2-6, Fire Prevention and Protection Code, of the City of Marietta.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARIETTA, GEORGIA, THAT:

Section 1: Chapter 2-6, Fire Prevention and Protection Code, is hereby amended as follows:

2-6-040 – Fire Alarm Systems

A. Definitions

1. Fire Alarm System means a system or portion of a combination system that consists of components and circuits arranged to monitor and annunciate the status of fire alarm or supervisory signal—initiating devices and to initiate the appropriate response to those signals. Fire alarm system is not intended to mean any component of a fire sprinkler system.
2. False alarm, also referred to as unwanted alarm, means any alarm that occurs that is not the result of a potentially hazardous condition.
3. Central station service means the use of a system or a group of systems including the protected premises fire alarm system(s) in which the operations of circuits and devices are signaled to, recorded in, and supervised from a listed central station that has competent and experienced operators who, upon receipt of a signal, take such action as required by this Code. Related activities at the protected premises, such as equipment installation, inspection, testing, maintenance, and runner service, are the responsibility of the central station or a listed alarm service local company. Central station service is controlled and operated by a person, firm, or corporation whose business is the furnishing of such contracted services or whose properties are the protected premises.
4. Fire watch means a temporary, formal measure where one or more qualified people continuously patrol a building, area, or construction site to look for fire hazards, detect any early signs of fire, and promptly notify occupants and the fire department.
5. Response means the dispatch of a public safety officer to the premises where a fire alarm system has been activated, indicating that a fire is in progress in or on the premises.
6. Public safety officer means a firefighter or other sworn fire official.

B. Except for an alarm that can reasonably be proven to have been caused or activated by unusually violent conditions of nature or by extraordinary circumstances not reasonably subject to control by the alarm user (including but not limited to a malicious act of another), it shall be unlawful for any automatic fire alarm system to transmit a false alarm resulting in the Fire Department's response more than three times within a rolling six-month period.

C. When a central station service notifies emergency services of an alarm or when a person responsible for the premises knows 9-1-1 has been called requesting fire department response, it shall be unlawful for any person to silence or otherwise disable a fire alarm in public or commercial property once said alarm is activated and notifying occupants of a fire emergency within a protected space until the alarm is investigated by officers of the Marietta Fire Department or other personnel acceptable to and authorized by the Fire Marshal.

D. When a building or space is occupied, no fire alarm system or portion of a fire alarm system installed in public or commercial property shall be placed in a bypass mode without an approved fire watch or other mitigation acceptable to the fire code official in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards adopted by section 2-6-010 of this code. (e.g. the Georgia Fire Alarm Code of 2022 provides for mitigation for an impairment after 8 hours.)

Section 2: It is hereby declared to be the intention of this Ordinance that its sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases are severable, and if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, it shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance.

Section 3: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall become effective upon the signature or without the signature of the Mayor, subject to Georgia laws 1983, page 4119.

Final Ordinance submitted by:



Jason Garner, Fire Marshal

Approved as to form:

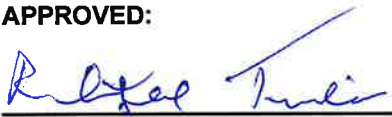


Douglas R. Haynie, City Attorney

Approved by City Council:

DATE: June 12, 2026

APPROVED:



R. Steve Tumlin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stephanie Guy, City Clerk