

**NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICES BOARD**  
**BY-LAW # 5/97**  
**INTRUSION ALARM POLICY**

**WHEREAS** the Police Services Act R.S.O. 1990 states that, a Board is responsible for the provision of Police Services and for law enforcement and crime prevention in the municipality; and

**WHEREAS** the Board shall establish policies for the effective management of the Police Force and is responsible for the maintenance of Law and Order in the Municipality and the members of the Police Force, through the Chief of Police; and

**WHEREAS** the Board recognizes the need to establish a policy resulting in cost recovery and reduction of police response to false intrusion alarms; and

**WHEREAS** Bill 26 was enacted to enable the Police Services Board to impose fees for the administration and enforcement of its services; and

**NOW THEREFORE THE NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICES BOARD HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. For the purposes of this By-Law, the following definitions apply:
  - (a) **ALARM RESPONSE FEE** means a fee of *Sixty Dollars (\$60.00)*.
  - (b) **FALSE ALARM** means an alarm signal where a police response is not required.
  - (c) **INTRUSION ALARM** includes an electronic or mechanically initiated device that is not activated by a person which is installed to detect any activity at a residence or business and includes interior or exterior detection equipment.
  - (d) **PANIC ALARM** means the alarm is of the type that is activated by an individual and the primary purpose is the protection of the person, such as a Bank Holdup Alarm or Medic Alert.

2. The Chief of Police shall establish procedures that provide for the monitoring and evaluation of intrusion alarm calls, cost recovery for false alarms, and response and billing. It is the policy of the North Bay Police Force that:
  - (a) Members responsibilities shall conform with a Police Officer's Duties as outlined in the Police Services Act, 1990.
  - (b) The Force may respond to two (2) false intrusion alarms in a 365 day period, at each premises. In the event of two false intrusion alarms being generated from the same property, police response to intrusion alarms shall be suspended for that address for a 365 day period unless the alarm holder re-activates police response by paying the Alarm Response Fee.
  - (c) Suspension of response to Intrusion Alarms will come into effect 7 days after the Alarm Holder (Occupier) has been given notice by mail or has been given notice in person or by telephone, by facsimile, by posting it upon a visible location at that property or by leaving it with an adult at that property.
- 3 This by-law does not restrict police response to Panic Alarms.
4. The Chief of Police shall be responsible for the fair and equitable implementation of written procedures.
5. North Bay Police Services Board By-Law 2/96 and 3/97 are hereby repealed.
6. This by-law comes into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1997.

READ A 1ST TIME ON THE 23<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF March, 1997.

READ A 2ND TIME ON THE 23<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF March, 1997.

READ A 3RD TIME, ENACTED AND PASSED ON 23<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF March, 1997.

[Signature] Chair [Signature: Jody Celentano] Secretary

APPROVED BY NORTH BAY COUNCIL THIS      DAY OF      1997.