

# City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER 2007-38

No. 414

**AN ORDINANCE** AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE  
CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "FIRE  
PREVENTION AND PROTECTION," SECTION 9-92

*Approved JULY 26, 2007*

***Be it ordained by the City of Providence:***

SECTION 1. Section 9-92 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of  
Providence is hereby amended as follows:

### **Sec. 9-92. Yearly fee.**

The applicant for this service shall attach to his application a check payable to the treasurer of the City of Providence, for the yearly fee required for the privilege of ~~connecting~~ **connection to and maintenance of** the applicant's system to the city's fire alarm system. Such fee shall be due and payable in full on or before the first day of January of each year, but provided that if the service is applied for during the year, the applicant shall pay only that portion of the fee which the unexpired portion of the year bears to the full fee. The director of communications shall annually set the amount of this fee **not to exceed five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550.00)** based on an analysis of the cost of the maintenance of the system and the number of users. The director of communications may also record a lien against the real property for any unpaid charges under this ordinance, and the lien shall be enforced in the same manner provided or authorized by law for enforcement of common law liens on personal property.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JUL 19 2007  
FIRST READING  
READ AND PASSED

*[Signature]*  
CLERK

IN CITY  
COUNCIL

JUL 25 2007  
FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSED

*[Signature]*  
PRESIDENT

*Amending of Section 9-92*    **Master Alarm Connection Fee**

The City foregoes a fee that other RI cities and towns collect when buildings required by the state fire code connect and use the city's system for direct notification of a fire.

The ordinance would set a fee that is reasonably and comprehensively related to cost for the service the city's Communications Department provides, not to exceed \$550.00/year.

Such a fee would be ascertained yearly by the Communications Dept.

**Example of a Reasonable Fee Analysis (for explanation purposes only)**

Non-city owned boxes: 1246 (approx.)

Salaries & overtime for 3 departmental personnel directly involved in maintenance:	\$206,847/yr
Proportional managerial salary	\$20,000
Cost of equipment supplies and vehicles:	\$379,200
Salaries for 4 Fire Department inspectors	\$320,000
Other supplies, miscellaneous, & growth of system	\$138,906
Grand total	\$1,064,952
Per each box:	\$504.

*Such a fee would be in line with Boston (\$600/yr) and Portland Me (\$500/yr).*