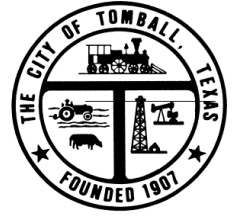


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## **For Immediate Release**

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### **False Alarm Enforcement**

The City of Tomball is implementing a new program which should reduce the number of false alarm activations and ensuing officer responses.

Over the past five years, Tomball Emergency Services have responded to 6,787 business and residential alarms. False alarms have accounted for 98.8% of all alarms that the members of the Tomball Police Department and Tomball Fire Department have responded to. False alarms are not only expensive, but they also divert emergency personnel from actual emergencies.

Other communities have had great success in reducing the number of false alarms when they require alarm systems to be registered and access reasonable cost recovery fees. Cities that have implemented alarm ordinances have experiences as much as a 70% decrease in false alarms.

City of Tomball residents and businesses are now required to register their monitored alarm systems at <https://www.crywolf.us/tomballtx> . The annual permitting fee is \$50 for businesses and there will be no charge for residential alarms. The penalties and conditions can be viewed under "Alarm Ordinance" of the above website.

If you do not have access to the internet, please feel free to submit an application in person at the Public Works administration building, located at 501 James Street.