

**GAINES TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NUMBER 102**

An ordinance to prohibit the making of false reports or false alarms for police, fire or other emergency services; and to proscribe penalties for violations thereof.

THE GAINES TOWNSHIP BOARD HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Prohibited Conduct.

- (a) No person shall give a false report of the commission of a crime or give false information in the official investigation of the commission of a crime, knowing the report or information to be false.
- (b) No person shall give a false alarm of a fire knowing the alarm to be false.
- (c) No person shall make a false request for ambulance or other medical emergency service provider, knowing the request to be false.
- (d) No person shall intentionally dial the emergency telephone number "911" to report an emergency knowing that the fact situation which he or she reports does not exist.
- (e) No person shall intentionally dial the emergency telephone number "911" for purposes of communication not relating to the reporting of an actual emergency.
- (f) No person shall make repeated calls to emergency telephone number "911" and then intentionally disconnecting or cancelling those calls.

Section 2. Definitions.

- (a) "Emergency" means a situation in which property or human life is in jeopardy and the prompt summoning of aid is essential to the preservation of such property or life.
- (b) "False report", "false alarm" or "false request" means a request in whatever form that is used to summon or obtain a response from the police department, the fire department or any agency assisting the police or fire department in providing emergency services, when the situation

requiring such a response does not in fact exist.

Section 3. Penalty.

- (a) A person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by maximum 93 days in jail and/or a fine of \$500.
- (b) In addition to any other penalty, the court may order a person convicted of violating any provision of this ordinance to pay to the Township the costs of responding to the false report or threat including, but not limited to, use of police, fire or medical emergency response vehicles and personnel.

Section 4. Effective Date.

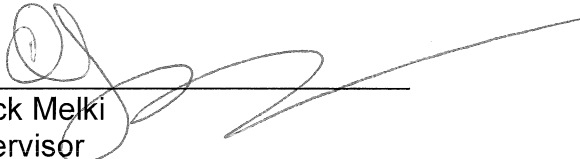
This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after publication.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Township of Gaines held on May 7, 2014, Lee Purdy moved for adoption of the foregoing ordinance and Chuck Timmons supported the motion.


Voting for: Dowler, Hyrman, Purdy, Timmons, Melki

Voting against: None

The Supervisor declared the ordinance adopted.



Chuck Melki
Supervisor



Michael Dowler
Clerk

Certification

Michael Dowler, Gaines Township Clerk, certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. 102 which was enacted by the Board of Trustees of Gaines Township at a regular meeting held on May 7, 2014.



Michael Dowler, Township Clerk