Town of Hull, Massachusetts

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ALARM SYSTEM TESTING

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FIRE ALARM SYSTEM: MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION:

1. General Definitions

Alarm Actuating - Any device such as a smoke detector, heat detector, pull station, sprinkler flow valve that causes the alarm to sound.

Automatic Device - Fire protection device that requires no manual operation.

Fire Alarm Control Panel - The electrical and electronic center, of a system that detects alarm conditions, sounds signals, provides power: and supervisory features,

Fire Alarm Service Company -. A commercial firm that specializes primarily in the installation and service of fire alarm I

Fire Watch - A Hull firefighter having knowledge of fire safety rules, 9nd regulations, and having the ability and knowledge to properly sound an alarm ¢pd one who tours the property being protected for the event of fire.

Manual Device - A fire alarm pull station or other device that requires manual activation for operation:

Owner - Means every person who alone or severally with others (a) has, legal title to any dwelling, dwelling unit or building; or (b) has care, charge or control of any dwelling, dwelling unit or building in any capacity including but not limited to agent, executor, executrix, administrator, administratrix, tru_stee or guardian of the estate of the holder of legal title; or (c) mortgagee in possession; or (d) agent, trustee or other person appointed by the courts; or (e) any officer or trustee of the

association of unit owners of a condominium. Each such person is bound to comply with the provisions of these minimum standards as if he were the owner. Owner means every person who operates a rooming house or lodging house.

Signaling Circuit - The electrical circuit that connects and operates all fire alarm system horns, bells, or other sounding devices.

Standby Battery - An emergency power supply in case of loss• of `commercial power to the fire alarm system.

Type I System - A total fire alarm system that includes detecting devices, annunciator, signals, power supply, and control panel that sounds the local signals at the structure being protected and trips a master fire alarm box connected to the Fire Department.

Type II System - Same as a Type I system except no direct connection to the Fire Department is required.

- 2. All buildings that are required to be equipped with a Type I or Type II Fire Alarm System as described and determined by the Massachusetts State Building Code Regulations, Massachusetts Fire Prevention Regulations, or Town of Hull Bylaw, shall have all Fire Alarm System devices tested no less than (2) two times each calendar year by a qualified fire alarm service company. Lodging Homes having thirteen or more tenants shall be equipped with a Type I system. Lodging homes having twelve of less tenants shall be equipped with a Type II system. Devices to be tested are all.alarm actuating (automatic of manual), signaling, supervisory circuits, standby battery supplies, and other system and single station units within the structure installed for the purpose of fire protection. The building owner shall be responsible for maintaining proper written records of the tests, indicating dates, time and signature of the qualified tester, and such records shall be available to be viewed by any public safety representative employed by the Town of Hull. Fire Alarm Service organizations or individuals must be licensed for work under this article by the appropriate regulatory agencies.
- 3. The owner shall have written proof of a maintenance contract or agreement with a qualified Fire Alarm Service Company

and such agreement or contract shall indicate that the service company is on twenty four hour call and will respond within twenty four (24) hours for maintenance or repair of the Fire Alarm System.

- 4. Should a Fire Alarm System require maintenance or repair it is the responsibility of the owner or his representative that such system be repaired and placed back in service within twenty four (24) hours of the discovery of the fault by the owner, service company or Town of Hull public safety official. Notification of such fault to the owner or his representative may be written or verbal.
- Should the system provide protection for a structure where a life hazard exists including but not limited to apartments (six units or more), hotels, motels, lodging houses, nursing homes, schools, day care centers or nurseries, it is the responsibility of the owner to have the system in proper operation, or at his own ex-pense, provide a Hull Firefighter during the nighttime hours or when a life hazard exists. Those failing to comply shall be considered in violation of this bylaw. The Chief of the department shall determine when a life hazard exists. When such hazard exists, the Chief of the department or his representative shall determine when the fire watch will be removed.
- 6. All residential structures of thee units or less are exempted from the requirement to procure a formal maintenance contract. However, it is the responsibility of the owner of such structure to properly maintain and keep in good working order all fire protection and fire alarm devices as required by law.
- 7. The name and emergency telephone number of both the owner and the qualified service organization shall be posted in a conspicuous place, preferably on the fire alarm panel.
- 8. Any owner found to be in violation of any part of this by-law shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day for each day of violation.
- 9. Should any section, clause or provision of this article be found or declared invalid or void or stricken, such decision, invalidity or voidance shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions of this article.