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## Tampering with Fire Safety Equipment

Dear Town of Brighton Property Owner / Tenant:

The fire safety equipment within any building(s) is provided solely for the protection and early warning to of all the occupants. Any disabling of or damage to fire safety equipment could not only jeopardize the well-being of the person(s) involved but impact the well-being of all occupants of the building.

For this reason, the Office of the Fire Marshal takes fire safety policy violations seriously and strictly maintains a "**zero tolerance**" position, where we expect that all residents / occupants to know and abide by these policies, codes and regulations.

Properly functioning fire safety devices and equipment including fire alarm systems, fire sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers, carbon monoxide detectors, and smoke detectors is an essential part of maximizing fire protection and is for use in an actual emergency only.

Tampering with any detector includes but is not limited to removing it from the ceiling, removal of the battery, twisting it to loosen it, or covering it with anything. Interfering with fire alarm or other alarm systems, tampering with or removing bells, horns, strobes, fire hoses, extinguishers, and fire-fighting equipment are strictly prohibited.

If you have tampered with any fire safety equipment, this is a violation of the Fire Code of New York State - Section §F901.8 and those found guilty shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

### **Fire Code of New York State**

*901.8 Removal of or tampering with equipment. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, tamper with or otherwise disturb any fire hydrant, fire detection and alarm system, fire suppression system or other fire appliance required by this code except for the purpose of extinguishing fire, training purposes, recharging or making necessary repairs or where approved by the fire code official.*

Remember these fire safety features are installed and maintained to provide early detection and notification to save your life, tampering with this fire safety equipment today could change your life forever tomorrow.

If you have any questions or concerns with respect to this matter, please feel free to contact me in the office at (585) 784-5220.

Respectfully,

Christopher A. Roth  
Chief Fire Marshal