

BOROUGH OF FOX CHAPEL

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TO: All Contractors

RE: False Fire Alarms

Most homes in Fox Chapel Borough have fire and smoke detectors that are tied into a central dispatching center. Many of these detectors are extremely sensitive and can be set off by sawdust, sanding fumes and other by-products of home construction and remodeling. These false alarms result in firemen being exposed unnecessarily to the risks that occur when they respond to what they believe to be a real fire. Ordinance No. 620 holds those individuals who cause false alarms responsible for their actions and subjects them to a fine as high as \$1,000 for *each* offense. You are directed, therefore, to take whatever steps are necessary to prevent false fire alarms as a result of the activities of your employees **or any subcontractors who may be working on the site**. These steps may include, but not be limited to, covering the smoke detectors and/or notifying the alarm company to disregard alarm calls during the hours that the work will be in progress. **It is vitally important, however, that the alarm system be made fully operational at the conclusion of each day's activities.**

The contractor hereby acknowledges that he/she has read this Notice and fully understands their responsibility to take appropriate steps to prevent false alarms resulting from their construction activities and those of any subcontractor working on the site and that failure to do so could result in a fine of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each false alarm.