

**What are the penalties for not obtaining a fire alarm operational permit?**

**Sec. 8-491. Permit required; application, false statements, transferability.**

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (c), a person shall not use or operate a fire alarm system in the City or cause or permit a fire alarm system to be used or operated in the City, regardless of whether the person owns the fire alarm system, without first obtaining a permit from the issuing authority.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (c), a person commits an offense if the person uses or operates a fire alarm or causes or permits a fire alarm system to be used or operated in the City without a valid permit, including but not limited to, during a period when the permit has been suspended or revoked.
- (c) Single-family homes and duplexes are exempt from fire alarm permits.

**SECTION 4.**

That any person (as defined in Chapter 1, Section 1-2 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, as amended) violating any of the provisions or terms of this ordinance shall be deemed to be guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for each offense, provided, however, if the maximum penalty provided for by this ordinance for an offense is greater than the maximum penalty provided for the same offense under the laws of the State of Texas, the maximum penalty for violation of this ordinance for such offense shall be the maximum penalty provided by the laws of the State of Texas. Each day or portion of a day any violation of this ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense.