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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON FIRE ALARM TRANSITION

- The transition away from the old hardwired alarm system is continuing. The monitoring fee for those customers who have not yet converted to the wireless system will increase to \$740.00 per year as of July 1, 2020. It is expected that the 2021 monitoring fee will be in excess of \$1000.00. As the number of Gamewell boxes on the system decreases, the associated annual monitoring rate increases. By charter, these charges are required to cover cost only. The City may not profit by the collection of these fees.
- The City operates the existing Gamewell fire alarm system on a fixed, not for profit, cost basis.
- Those facilities that have already converted to the wireless system still pay the annual rate of \$200.00 per year, as that system is less expensive to operate. Facilities that plan to convert this year and file their fire alarm permit before August 31, 2020, will not be subject to the higher annual Gamewell monitoring fee.
- Current fire codes require that you maintain your municipal connection directly to the Fire Department and Claremont Emergency Dispatch. We will maintain that connection continually throughout the entire transition.
- You received 8 other notices of this transition. Those prior notices were dated January 2, 2013, April 5, 2013, June 24, 2014, June 1, 2015, June 3, 2016, June 1, 2017, June 1, 2018 and July 1, 2019.

Should you have any questions about any part of this process or wish to receive more information, please contact the Fire Chief or Deputy Chief, Tom Belaire at 603-542-7012.