

**THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 328 of 1931**  
**Chapter XXXVIII**  
**FIRES**

**750.240 False alarm of fire.**

Sec. 240.

Any person who knowingly and willfully commits 1 or more of the following actions is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year and a fine of not more than \$1,000.00:

- (a) Raise a false alarm of fire at any gathering or in any public place.
- (b) Ring any bell or operate any mechanical apparatus, electrical apparatus or combination thereof, for the purpose of creating a false alarm of fire.
- (c) Raise a false alarm of fire orally, by telephone or in person.

**History:** 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931 ;-- CL 1948, 750.240 ;-- Am. 1954, Act 15, Eff. Aug. 13, 1954 ;-- Am. 1965, Act 77, Eff. Mar. 31, 1966 ;-- Am. 2002, Act 672, Eff. Mar. 31, 2003

**Former Law:** See sections 1 and 2 of Act 16 of 1917, being CL 1929, Â§Â§ 16606 and 16607; and Act 62 of 1927.

**750.241 Firefighter; obstructing and disobeying; interfering with public service facility during riot or civil disturbance.**

Sec. 241.

(1) Any person who, while in the vicinity of any fire, willfully disobeys any reasonable order or rule of the officer commanding any fire department at the fire, when the order or rule is given by the commanding officer or a firefighter there present, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(2) During a riot or other civil disturbance, any person who knowingly and willfully hinders, obstructs, endangers, or interferes with any person who is engaged in the operation, installation, repair, or maintenance of any essential public service facility, including a facility for the transmission of electricity, gas, telephone messages, or water, is guilty of a felony.

**History:** 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931 ;-- CL 1948, 750.241 ;-- Am. 1968, Act 328, Eff. July 3, 1968 ;-- Am. 2002, Act 270, Eff. July 15, 2002

**Former Law:** See section 1 of Act 239 of 1921, being CL 1929, Â§ 16644.

**750.242 Traction engines using wood fuel; spark arresters.**

Sec. 242.

Spark arresters on traction engines using wood fuel—Any person who shall own or operate upon the premises of any inhabitant of this state, or upon the highway, any traction or other portable steam engine, unless said engine shall be equipped with an efficient spark arrester at all times when in use and using wood as a fuel, and with proper fire extinguishers, either liquid or dry, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. All traction or other portable engines using wood for fuel shall be equipped with bonnet spark arresters having an oval top of number 10 mesh, 22 gauge wire and sides composed of number 6 mesh, 16 gauge wire.

**History:** 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931 ;-- CL 1948, 750.242

**Former Law:** See sections 1 and 2 of Act 339 of 1913, being CL 1915, Â§Â§ 7368 and 7369; and CL 1929, Â§Â§ 8924 and 8925.