

Article 8
CHAPTER 9

EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEMS

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8-9-1 DEFINITION.

For the purpose of this Section, alarm means a signal from a system requiring the dispatch of a police officer, and false alarm means a signal from an alarm system which is determined by the Chief of Police or his/her designee to have been made in error, as the result of electrical or electronic malfunction, or deliberately made by the person in control of said alarm system. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Chapter shall not apply to medical alert systems.

8-9-2 PERMIT.

- A. It is unlawful to install and thereafter operate and maintain any emergency alarm device or system of any kind without having first obtained a permit therefor for each device or system installed and paid the applicable fee. An initial permit fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be paid prior to the installation of any such device or system in any place within Town or under any circumstances covered by the provision of the Ordinance. Permit renewal fees of \$10.00 shall be paid to the Town each calendar year for each active alarm system. The permit fees may be changed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Trustees.

8-9-3 USER FEES FOR FALSE ALARMS.

- A. Any person using an alarm system shall pay to the Town a fee as set forth in section 8-9-9, for response to a place of business or home by members of its Police Department, occasioned by a false alarm from the system, if and when the number of false alarms from the system exceed three (3) in any calendar year.

- B. No false alarm shall be counted under the provisions of this Section if the owner or user of the alarm system has promptly notified the Police Department of the false alarm or if the alarm is occasioned by any criminal activity.

8-9-4 RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS.

Any and all costs and recurring charges attributable to the installation and maintenance of systems permitted by this chapter which terminate directly in the Police Department, shall be the responsibility entirely by the licensee or permittee. If the location of the Police Department shall be changed at any time, necessitating changing the location of any alarm systems terminating at such department, such systems shall be moved at the expense of the licensee or permittee. No alarm system shall terminate directly in the Police Department without the consent of the Chief of Police or his/her designee.

8-9-5 RULES AND REGULATIONS GENERALLY.

The Town may from time to time adopt such reasonable rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to assure the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of any such emergency alarm devices.

8-9-6 FALSE ALARMS.

- A. Except for alarms caused by an act of nature or through faulty telephone communications, a charge for each false burglar, holdup or police emergency alarm, or fire emergency alarm to which the police or fire personnel and equipment respond in excess of three (3) in any calendar year shall be paid to the Town through the Town Clerk's Office.
- B. Repeated false alarms in excess of six (6) alarms in such year for whatever reason shall be grounds for suspension or termination by decision of the Chief of Police or his/her designee. of the permit for such system as a faulty system.
- C. The Chief of Police or his/her designee shall at all times have the authority to suspend the permit for any such system until such time as suitable personnel practices are instituted or satisfactory repairs or replacement is made correcting such faulty system. The Chief of Police or his/her designee shall have the authority at any and all times to terminate the permit for any violation of this chapter or for any faulty system which cannot be made reliable against false alarms in keeping with the provisions of this section.
- D. Any alarm system shall be deactivated or removed if the permit therefor is terminated or suspended and shall remain deactivated or removed until the suspension is terminated by reinstatement or a new permit therefor is issued.

8-9-7 ALARM SYSTEMS OUTSIDE OF TOWN.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to any and all emergency alarm devices, the signal of which originates outside the corporate limits of the Town when such signal terminates directly within or gives an alarm to the Police Department of the Town.

8-9-8 TRUNK-LINE FACILITIES.

No alarm system or device which transmits a signal or prerecorded message directly to the Police Department shall be connected to or be permitted to use the primary telephone trunk line serving any Town governmental facility.

8-9-9 SERVICE CHARGE.

- A.** A service charge of \$50 for each false burglar, holdup or police emergency alarm, or fire emergency alarm to which the police or fire personnel and equipment respond in excess of three (3) in any calendar year shall be paid to the Town through the Town Clerk's Office.
- B.** Failure to pay such fee shall be a violation of this Chapter and may result in a summons and complaint being issued in Municipal Court.