

CHAPTER 96: ALARM SYSTEMS

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§ 96.01 DEFINITIONS

ALARM ADMINISTRATOR. The Chief of Police or any other person designated by the Village Manager.

ALARM BUSINESS. Any business operated by a person who engages in the activity or altering, installing, leasing, maintaining, moving, repairing, replacing, selling, servicing, or responding to any emergency alarm systems, or which causes any of these activities to take place.

ALARM DETECTION SYSTEM. An assembly of equipment arranged to signal the presence of a hazard requiring urgent attention to which the police or fire/rescue are expected to respond.

ALARM USER. Any person or business on whose premises an alarm system is maintained other than alarm systems on a motor vehicle.

AUTOMATIC DIGITAL DIALING EQUIPMENT. An alarm system that has the capability of transmitting digital code signals to an alarm receiving board at any approved communication center utilized or designated by the Village. The alarm system uses existing telephone lines instead of a dedicated line.

AUTOMATIC VOICE DIALING ALARM EQUIPMENT. An alarm system which automatically sends over regularly telephone lines a prerecorded voice message indicating the existence of the emergency situation that the alarm system is designed to detect.

CALENDAR YEAR. The period of time from January 1 until December 31.

CENTRAL STATION SYSTEM. A system in which the operation of electrical protection circuits and devices are signaled automatically to record in, maintained, and supervised from a place of business having trained operators in attendance at all times.

FALSE ALARMS. The activation of an alarm system through mechanical or electronic failure, malfunction, improper installation, or the negligence of the owner or lessee of an alarm system or his employees or agents, except that the following shall not be considered false alarms:

- (1) Alarms caused by the failure or malfunction of the equipment located in the communication center utilized or designated by the Village.
- (2) Alarms occurring on a repeated basis without apparent cause within the first 30 days after installation of the alarm detection system, and where continuous effort, in the sole opinion of the Alarm Administrator, is being made jointly by the alarm user, the alarm business and any other concerned person to correct the malfunction expeditiously.

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- (3) Alarms caused by actual illegal entry or attempted entry of which there is visible evidence.
- (4) Alarms caused by an on-premises fire.
- (5) Alarms intentionally caused by a person acting under a reasonable belief that a need exists to call the police or fire-rescue department.
- (6) Alarms caused by hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, major floods, or other natural disaster.

ON PREMISES ALARM. Alarm system that audibly announces an emergency condition at an individual or corporate establishment which may or may not be connected to the police computerized alarm system.

PERMIT ISSUING AUTHORITY. The Building and Code Enforcement Department of the Village and the designated code official of such shall be known as the Permit Issuing Authority. The installation, alteration, modification, or repair to any fire, burglar, or security alarm system that is conducted within the Village limits, requires approvals and permit from the Permit Issuing Authority of the Village.

POLICE COMPUTERIZED ALARM SYSTEM. The alarm and monitoring and control system located in the communication center utilized or designated by the Village.
(Ord. 92-5-2, passed 5-14-92; Am. Ord. 97-09-11-01, passed 9-11-97)

§ 96.02 AUTOMATIC DIALERS

(A) No person, firm, or corporation shall use or cause or permit to be used, or engage in the business of providing any telephone device and telephone attachment that automatically activates trunk lines connected to any police telephone and then reproduce any voice message to report a robbery, burglary, fire, or other emergency.

(B) Any person, firm, or corporation who is presently connected or engaged in the business of providing any telephone device or telephone attachments that automatically activate the trunk lines shall have 60 days to cease and desist such practice upon notice given by the Alarm Administrator.

(C) Nothing in this section shall apply to automatic dialing services for handicapped persons or persons needing special medical systems authorized by the Alarm Administrator.
(Ord. 92-5-2, passed 5-14-92; Am. Ord. 97-09-11-01, passed 9-11-97) Penalty, see § 96.99

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§ 96.03 NOTIFICATION REQUIRED

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation or lease or own an alarm system, or be in control of any premises, including single-family and multi-family dwellings and business places, wherein an alarm system is operated or maintained without first having notified the Huntley Fire Protection District of such system, except no notification shall be required for alarm systems contained in or on vehicles.

(Ord. 92-5-2, passed 5-14-92; Am. Ord. 97-09-11-01, passed 9-11-97) Penalty, see § 96.99

§ 96.04 EMERGENCY ALARM INSTALLATIONS

(A) *Permit required.* Any person who desires to install or continue use of an emergency alarm system, including on-premises alarm systems, shall first apply for and obtain a permit for each alarm system installed from the Building Department/Alarm Administrator on a form to be provided.

(B) *Application.* Each application shall be signed by the applicant and shall include, among other things, the following:

- (1) Name, address, and telephone number of the establishment where the alarm is located.
- (2) Name, address, and telephone number of the owner or manager.
- (3) Business hours of the establishment.
- (4) List of persons authorized access to the establishment during non-business hours.
- (5) Procedure to be followed in the event of an alarm.
- (6) Emergency call list of personnel to notify in the event of an alarm.
- (7) Description and location of the alarm control panel on the premises.
- (8) The name and address of the alarm business monitoring or maintaining the alarm systems.

(Ord. 92-5-2, passed 5-14-92; Am. Ord. 97-09-11-01, passed 9-11-97) Penalty, see § 96.99

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§ 96.05 ANNUAL NOTIFICATION INFORMATION

On an annual basis, or more frequently if needed, every alarm user shall provide the Alarm Administrator current information about the alarm system and alarm system environment. Each alarm user shall provide current information as required by the emergency alarm installation permit. Failure to provide current information is considered a violation of this chapter and subject to fines as specified in this chapter.

(Ord. 92-5-2, passed 5-14-92; Am. Ord. 97-09-11-01, passed 9-11-97) Penalty, see § 96.99

§ 96.06 FALSE ALARMS: ADDITIONAL CHARGES; REGISTRATION AND ALARM BOARD REVOCATIONS

(A) Commencing 30 days from the date the security alarm system is installed and placed in service at the premises, if the Village police department responds to more than three false alarms in a calendar year, the alarm user or agency shall pay the Village \$50 per response. The fee shall be paid to the Village within 30 days after the alarm user or agency is notified of the violation. Continued false alarms which are the result of substantial negligence or disregard on the part of the alarm user or agency may result in the revocation of the permit authorizing the use of the system.

(B) If the Village police department responds to a false alarm and it is determined that the cause of the false alarm was the negligence of the alarm company for failing to contact the Village, and its designated dispatch center, of work being done on the alarm, the alarm company will pay the Village the sum of \$50 as liquidated damages for their failure to provide such a notification.

(C) Should the Police Chief or Alarm Administrator determine that the nature of the alarm user's or agency's business or the complexity of the alarm systems causes continued false alarms which are not the result of any substantial negligence or disregard on the part of the alarm user or agency, the Police Chief, or Alarm Administrator may permit the alarm user or agency to retain the registration without processing a revocation thereof. User or agency shall be assessed \$50 for each false alarm thereafter, and the alarm user or agency shall be responsible for paying same according to the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. 92-5-2, passed 5-14-92; Am. Ord. 97-09-11-01, passed 9-11-97)

§ 96.07 LIMITATION OF VILLAGE LIABILITY

(A) The Village shall take every reasonable precaution to assure that the alarm signals and prerecorded alarm messages received by the Village or the communication center utilized or designated by the Village are given appropriate attention and are acted upon with dispatch.

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(B) The Village shall not be liable for any defects in operation of alarm devices, for any failure or neglect to respond appropriately upon receipt of an alarm from such a source, nor for failure or neglect of any person in connection with the installation and operation of equipment, the transmission or relay of alarm signals.

(C) In the event that the Village finds it necessary to disconnect a defective alarm detection system, the Village shall incur no liability by such action.
(Ord. 92-5-2, passed 5-14-92; Am. Ord. 97-09-11-01, passed 9-11-97)

§ 96.99 PENALTY

Any person violating the provisions of this chapter, unless a different fine is established, shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$250 for each offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation continues to occur.
(Ord. 92-5-2, passed 5-14-92; Am. Ord. 97-09-11-01, passed 9-11-97)