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CROSS REFERENCE

Police Department - see ADM. Ch. 242

1060.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Alarm system" means an assembly of equipment and devices, or a single device, arranged to signal the presence of a hazard requiring urgent attention and to which Police or Fire Departments are expected to respond.
- (b) "False alarm" means any alarm condition which is registered at the Police Department or elsewhere but which does not result from criminal activity for which the alarm was intended, or, in the case of a fire alarm, any alarm condition which is registered at the Police or Fire Departments or elsewhere but which does not result from a fire or potential fire condition.
(Ord. 135. Passed 7-11-88; Ord. 2001-06. Passed 11-12-01.)

1060.02 FALSE ALARMS PROHIBITED.

False alarms are prohibited, and the owner or lessee of an alarm system described in this chapter shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction.
(Ord. 2001-06. Passed 11-12-01.)

1060.03 AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE ALARMS PROHIBITED.

No person shall sell, install, operate, adjust, arrange for or contract to provide a device or combination of devices that will, upon activation, either mechanically, electronically or by other means, initiate automatic intrastate calling, dialing or connection to any telephone number assigned to the Police or Fire Departments or their dispatching agency.
(Ord. 135. Passed 7-11-88; Ord. 2001-06. Passed 11-12-01.)

1060.04 REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

(a) No person shall maintain an alarm system which, when activated, causes an audible and/or visible signal, which signal can be heard or seen outside the premises protected by said alarm system, and which signal is unreasonably disturbing to the peace and quiet of the surrounding area, unless that person has first provided the Chief of Police of the Village of Franklin with his or her name and telephone number and the address of the premises where the alarm system is located, as well as the name and telephone number of at least two other persons who can be reached at any time, day or night, and who, within a 30-minute response time, can open the premises in which the alarm system is installed and deactivate the audible and/or visible signal.

(b) An audible alarm shall not be activated and heard for a period longer than ten minutes.

(Ord. 135. Passed 7-11-88; Ord. 2001-06. Passed 11-12-01.)

1060.05 FALSE ALARMS.

(a) Fees. Notwithstanding any penalties provided for in the event of a conviction for a violation of this chapter, and notwithstanding the fact that a prosecution for a violation of this chapter has or has not been commenced, in order to defray the cost of responding to false alarms, the owner or lessee of an alarm system described in this chapter may be required to pay to the Village the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the second occasion that the alarm system is activated and responded to by the Police or Fire Departments within one calendar year, and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each additional occasion within the same calendar year, in any of the following cases:

- (1) No evidence of illegal entry or an attempt thereof;
- (2) No evidence of fire;
- (3) A malfunction in the system;
- (4) Activated by mistake;
- (5) Activated by persons working on the alarm system, where the Police and/or Fire Departments were not previously notified.

(b) Exceptions. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no owner or lessee shall be in violation of this chapter or required to pay the costs required in division (a) of this section in the following cases:

- (1) On the first occasion of a false alarm during any one calendar year, but in any case the owner or lessee shall be advised in writing of said false alarm and of the existence of this chapter.
- (2) In the case of any false alarm activated by severe weather or other violent conditions (distinguished from an alarm malfunction, light or moderate precipitation or wind) beyond the control of the owner or lessee of an alarm system.

- (3) In the case of the first false alarm during the six-month period following installation of a new alarm or upgrade of an existing alarm and upon proper notice to the Police or Fire Departments of such installation or change.
- (4) If the alarm is set off by someone other than the person residing at a house, or a member of the resident's immediate family, or by someone other than an on-site employee of the business where the alarm occurred.
- (5) If cancellation of the alarm occurs prior to Police or Fire Department arrival at the scene.

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1060.99 PENALTY.

Penalties, sanctions and remedies for violations of this chapter shall be as prescribed for municipal civil infractions in Section 202.99 of these Codified Ordinances.

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