

CHAPTER 10

EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEMS

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6-10-1: DEFINITIONS:

- (a) "Alarm System" as used in this ordinance shall mean any device that is designated to detect fire, unauthorized entry, or other condition regarding life or property and relay a signal to a central answering point or system which will subsequently report the activation to the local Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).
- (b) "Public Service Answering Point (PSAP)" The Central Communications facilities that are responsible for the answering and dispatching of emergency and responding personnel for the area of service.
- (c) "False Alarm" is any signal from an alarm system, a prerecorded message, or a telephone call from a contracted alarm service that requires a response by Fire or Police personnel (or both) to the alleged emergency situation, where in fact no emergency situation is present. These shall include: system malfunction, non-emergency alarm activation, mischievous alarm activation, employee error.
- (d) "Structure" as used in this subsection shall mean any building built for support, shelter or enclosure of persons or property.

6-10-2: APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- (a) Application for Permit: Prior to the installation of any alarm system, a detailed plan and specification of the entire system shall be submitted for review and approved by the appropriate authority (i.e.: Chief of Police or Fire Chief). Such plan shall show the location of all proposed devices.
- (b) Code Requirements: Any alarm system installed in the Village of East Alton shall conform, where applicable, to State and Local Codes. No device or equipment not approved and tested by a recognized independent testing agency will be accepted.
- (c) Fees: An application and inspection fee of \$25.00 shall accompany the application. All work done concerning installation shall be approved as per the East Alton Building Code.
- (d) Inspection Required: (1) Upon completion of installation, the system shall be tested by the installer to insure that said system operates in conformance to the specifications as

approved. (2) Subsequent tests may be required to insure that the systems are still operational and still conform to specifications. If such tests are required the results of such tests shall be submitted to the appropriate authority (i.e.: Chief of Police or Fire Chief).

6-10-3: REGULATION OF SYSTEM:

- (a) The installation and maintenance thereof shall be at the expense of the property owner and the alarm company.
- (b) Grace Period: Newly installed alarm systems shall be granted a sixty (60) day grace period during which employees or those responsible may be trained, and system malfunctions may be corrected.
- (c) False Alarms: (1) False alarms due to carelessness or other cause which are received by the Police Department, requires a response by the Police or Fire Departments resulting in unnecessary expense to the Village and increases the risk of injury to responding personnel or damage to property. (2) The owner of any alarm system which actuates an excessive number of false alarms will, after notification by the Chief of Police or Fire Chief, take the necessary steps to correct the situation.
- (d) Penalties: After notification, the unit of any alarm system which actuates an excessive number of false alarms may be subject to the following fine schedule which shall apply to any false alarm resulting in the response of the police or fire department personnel.

1st and 2nd alarm in each calendar year: No charge
3rd and 4th alarm in each calendar year: \$50.00 each
5th or more in each calendar year: \$100.00 each

- (e) All offenses for which a fine is imposed may be appealed by filing a written notice of appeal with the Village Clerk. Said appeal shall be filed within 10 days of the date of the notification by the Police or Fire Chief. Said appeal shall be heard by the Board of Trustees within 30 days of the date of filing the appeal. The Board of Trustees may affirm, reverse or modify the decision of the Chief of Police or Fire Chief. An appeal timely filed suspends the disconnection until the Board of Trustees renders its decision. The Village Clerk shall give written notice of the time and place of the hearing of the appellant. Such shall be given by registered or certified mail or personal delivery not less than 7 days before the hearing.
- (f) Fees Waiver: The Board of Trustees may upon request waive the electrical inspection fee of \$25.00 for schools and other municipal or governmental property.