

LOCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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RE: ALARM PACKET

- THE RESIDENCE INFORMATION

SHEET WOULD BE RETURNED TO THE P.D.

This information is intended for the addressee only and may contain information that is confidential or privileged. If any of the pages are illegible or you do not receive the number of pages as stated contact (815) 838-2132.

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DEAR LOCKPORT RESIDENT,

We are currently in the process of updating our information on your residence.

This information consists of a residential name, address, telephone numbers, alarm company and contact persons. This information is kept on file at the Lockport Police Department in the event of an alarm or other emergency, such as an open door, damage to property, fire, etc.

We ask that the keyholders that you list have the proper alarm codes, keys to the business and live within 30 minutes from the business. You may list as many keyholders as you wish, however, we would like to have at least two (2) or someone who is accessible 24 hours a day by pager, cell phone, etc.

Should you have any questions or concerns in reference to this letter or other police department issues, please feel free to contact the Lockport Police Department, Monday through Friday 7:00am through 4:30pm.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Elgas

Office Manager

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ALARM NOTICE

DEAR RESIDENT,

You have currently reached your 1st false alarm for the calendar year. Per alarm ordinance 133.03(c), after 3 false alarms, you will be charged according to the ordinance. They are as follows:

- 1st, 2nd 3rd False Alarm = No Charge
- 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th False Alarm = \$10.00 each
- 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th False Alarm = \$25.00 each
- 12 or more False Alarms = \$50.00 each

Please fill out the information sheet provided and either fax or mail it back to the Lockport Police Department. A copy of the ordinance is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the billing procedures in reference to alarms, please feel free to contact the Lockport Police Department Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM-3:00 PM.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Elgas
Office Manager

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RESIDENCE INFORMATION

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE

KEYHOLDER INFORMATION

CALL	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				

ALARM COMPANY

BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS PHONE

CHAPTER 133: FALSE ALARMS

Section

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§ 133.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

ALARM AGENT. Any person employed by an alarm system business whose duties include any of the following: selling, leasing, maintaining, servicing, repairing, altering, replacing, moving or installing of alarm systems.

ALARM SYSTEM. Any mechanical or electrical device that is arranged, designed or used to signal the occurrence in the city of a burglary, robbery or other criminal offense, attention, and to which police personnel are expected to respond. Alarm systems include those through which public safety personnel are notified directly of such signals through electronic signal devices or are notified indirectly by way of third persons who monitor the alarm systems and who report such signals to the Police Department.

ALARM SYSTEMS also include those designed to register a signal, which is so audible, visible, or in other ways perceptible outside a protected building, structure or facility as to notify persons in the neighborhood beyond the zoning lot where the signal is located, who in turn may notify the Police Department of the signal. **ALARM SYSTEMS** do not include those affixed to auto-mobiles; furthermore, alarm systems do not include auxiliary devices installed by telephone companies to protect telephone equipment or systems which might be damaged or disrupted by the use of an alarm system. Alarms in separate structures are to be counted as separate systems, even though owned by the same person or entity.

ALARM SYSTEM BUSINESS. Any business which consists of, in whole or in part, the selling, leasing, maintaining, servicing, repairing, altering, replacing, moving or installing of an alarm system.

AUDIBLE ALARM. Any security device which sounds an alarm on the premises. An **AUDIBLE ALARM** shall include but not be limited to any security device which sounds an alarm to alert others of an unauthorized entry on the premises, the commission of any unlawful act, or any other emergency.

FALSE ALARM. An alarm signal eliciting a response by the police when a situation requiring a response by the Police Department does not in fact exist. **FALSE ALARM** does not include an alarm signal caused by violent conditions nature or other extraordinary circumstances not reasonably subject to

control by the alarm business operator or alarm user. Alarms resulting from the following conditions are not considered false alarms:

- (1) Criminal activity or unauthorized entry.
- (2) Earthquake causing structural damage to the protected premises.
- (3) High winds sufficient to activate motion detection system or causing physical damage to the protected premises.
- (4) Flooding of the protected premises due to overflow of natural drainage.
- (5) Lightning bolt causing physical damage to the protected premises.
- (6) Telephone line malfunction verified in writing to the city by at least a first line telephone company supervisor.
- (7) Electrical service interruption verified in writing to the department by local power company.
- (8) Communication to the Police Department before a unit is dispatched to investigate, clearly indicating that the alarm is resulting from authorized entry, authorized system test, or other non-criminal cause.

PRIVATE CENTRAL STATION ALARM. An alarm which relays or is capable of relaying a signal to a private company providing watchman or security services.

PUBLIC CENTRAL STATION ALARM. An alarm which relays or is capable of relaying a signal or message which is received at the Police Station on a special device designed for the particular purpose of receiving signals.

SUBSCRIBER. Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or entity who or which purchases, leases, contracts for or obtains an alarm system.

('79 Code, § 133.001) (Ord. 90-184, passed 1-15-90)

§ 133.02 RESPONSE TO ALARMS.

(A) Whenever an alarm is activated in the city, requiring an emergency response to the location by the Police Department, personnel on the scene of the activated alarm system shall inspect the area protected by the system and shall determine whether the emergency response was in fact required as indicated by the alarm system or whether the alarm signal was a false alarm.

(B) If the Police Department personnel at the scene of the activated alarm system determines the alarm to be false, the officers shall make a report of the false alarm, a notification of which shall be mailed or delivered to the alarm user at the address of the alarm system installation location, advising the alarm user of the false alarm.

(C) When an alarm has been activated at a business or private residence and the police respond, the owner or his representative shall be present at the location after being requested to do so. Response by the subscriber will be as soon as possible but shall not exceed one hour from time of request.

(D) The Chief of Police or his assigned designee shall have the right to inspect any alarm system on the premises to which a response has been made, and he may cause an inspection of the system to be

made at any reasonable time thereafter.

(79 Code, § 133.002) (Ord. 90-184, passed 1-15-90)

§ 133.03 EXCESSIVE FALSE ALARMS AND FEE ASSESSMENT.

(A) If any alarm system produces three false alarms in any calendar year, the Chief of the Police Department shall provide written notice of the fact, which shall be given by certified mail or delivery to the subscriber asking the subscriber to take corrective action in regard to false alarms and informing subscriber of the false alarm fee schedule provided.

(B) Subscribers installing a new system or making substantial modifications to an existing system shall be entitled to a grace period during which alarms generated by the system shall be deemed non-false alarms. The grace period shall cease 30 days after installation of or modification to an alarm system.

(C) Upon any alarm system producing a fourth, fifth, sixth, or seventh false alarm in a calendar year, a fee of \$10, per false alarm shall be charged to the subscriber. The following fee schedule shall be used for each additional false alarm.

(1) Eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh false alarms in a calendar year, a fee of \$25, per false alarm shall be assessed.

(2) Twelve or more false alarms in a calendar year, a fee of \$50 per false alarm shall be assessed.

(3) All fees assessed must be paid to the city Finance Department or a written appeal must be submitted to the City Administrator within three days of fee assessment.

(D) Any alarm user with a direct connect to the Lockport Police Department who has had 15 or more false alarms requiring response by the Police Department in a calendar year or who refuses to pay the fee assessed in division (C) may, at the order of the Chief of Police, have the alarm equipment disconnected from the Police Department. Prior to disconnection the Police Department shall provide written notice, by certified mail, to the alarm user. All costs or fees resulting from the disconnection of alarm equipment shall be the sole and express responsibility of the alarm user.

(79 Code, § 133.003) (Ord. 90-184, passed 1-15-90)

§ 133.04 APPEALS.

(A) Any subscriber who has been notified of a false alarm or assessed a false alarm fee or who has been notified that his alarm equipment will be disconnected from the Police Department may appeal to the City Administrator by giving written notice and posting a bond equal to the amount of the fee, if applicable, within three working days of the invoice assessing the fee. Upon receipt of the appeal notice and bond, if applicable, a time certain shall be set for a hearing.

(B) The appellant shall be given reasonable notice of the hearing, and failure of the appellant to appear at the hearing shall, if applicable, result in forfeiture of the appeal bond and application of the bond toward the false alarm fee assessed by the city.

(C) The City Administrator or his designee shall serve as Hearing Officer, and the burden of proof

was not a false alarm.

(D) After receipt of all relevant evidence, the Hearing Officer shall, within three days, render his decision. If the Hearing Officer determines that the appellant has met the burden of proof, then he shall order bond released to the appellant and rescind the false alarm determination. If the Hearing Officer determines that the appellant has not met the burden of proof, then he shall order the appeal bond be corrected and applied toward the alarm fee as assessed by the city and enter the alarm as false alarm.

(E) All decisions made pursuant to this section are final.

(79 Code, § 133.004) (Ord. 90-184, passed 1-15-90)

§ 133.99 PENALTY.

In addition to any fees or charges established, any person or firm or corporation convicted of a violation of any provision of this **chapter** may be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$750 for each offense.

(79 Code, § 133.999) (Ord. 90-184, passed 1-15-90)

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