

## CHAPTER 97: ALARM SYSTEMS

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### § 97.01 DEFINITIONS.

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

(A) The language set forth in the text of this chapter shall be interpreted in accordance with the following rules of construction:

- (1) The singular number includes the plural number, and the plural the singular.
- (2) The word "shall" is mandatory; the word "may" is permissive.
- (3) The masculine includes the feminine and the neuter.

(B) Whenever in this chapter the following words and phrases have been used, they shall, for the purposes of this chapter, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this subchapter, except when the context otherwise indicates.

**ALARM BOARD.** That terminal portion of the alarm monitoring system of the Village located and maintained at the headquarters of the Police Department that audibly announces and visually displays alarm signals received from approved systems and approved supervised systems.

**APPROVED SUPERVISED SYSTEM.** A detection system which may only be used to serve single-family detached or two-family buildings and which, when activated, sounds an audible alarm on the premises of the user thereof and which detection system is connected electrically or by wireless electronics to a central station, to the alarm board or to a special trunk line.

**APPROVED SYSTEM.** A detection system, specifically checked and approved at the discretion of the Village, which, when activated, sounds an audible alarm on the premises of the user thereof and sends an alarm signal by wireless electronics connection to the alarm board. Said system shall be held in accordance and compliance with any specific contractual agreements or obligations that the Village may enter into from time to time with an independent contractor. An "approved system" is not an "approved supervised system".

**AUTOMATIC PROTECTION DEVICE.** Any electrically operated instrument composed of sensory apparatus and related hardware which automatically sends over primary trunk lines by direct connection, radio signal or otherwise, a prerecorded voice alarm upon receipt of a stimulus from the sensory apparatus that has detected a physical force or condition inherently characteristic of a fire or unauthorized intrusion.

**BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION.** The Bureau of Fire Prevention of the Fire Department of the Village.

**CENTRAL STATION.** A location not affiliated with the Police Department and into which an approved supervised system may be

connected in order that the system may be monitored by one or more human beings.

**COMPTROLLER.** The Comptroller of the Village.

**CONNECTION.** One tie-in to the alarm board, whether by wireless electronics or, physically, by special trunk line.

**DISCONNECTION.** The separation of a system from the alarm board and cessation of the Police Department's monitoring of such system and/or responsibility to respond to alarms emanating from such system.

**FALSE ALARM.** An alarm which is raised by human error or which is raised by mechanical failure or malfunction to summon aid or to alert others but which, upon investigation, fails to be correct. In cases wherein the alarm raised does not involve a fire alarm, if no visible evidence of forcible entry is found, then an alarm shall be considered false.

**FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.** An approved system required by the Village municipal code, which has no other purpose than detecting a fire upon the premises where such system is located.

**POLICE CHIEF.** The Chief of Police of the Village.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT.** The Police Department of the Village.

**PRIMARY TRUNK LINE.** A telephone line to the communications center of the Police Department which is to be utilized by the general public for

emergency calls on a person to person basis and which line is identified by a specific listing among the emergency numbers in the local telephone directory serving the Village and its environs.

**SPECIAL TRUNK LINE.** Dedicated for the purpose of carrying and receiving emergency messages and/or signals which originate from a central station and/or an approved supervised system, a telephone line physically connected to the alarm board.

**SYSTEM.** Collectively, either an approved system or an approved supervised system.

**USER or ALARM-USER.** Any person, firm or corporation utilizing a system upon premises owned by or under the control of such person, firm or corporation.

**VILLAGE.** The Village of Schiller Park, an Illinois municipal corporation and home rule unit as described in the Illinois Constitution.

(Ord. 93-1840, passed 7-13-93; Am. Ord. 93-1852, passed 9-14-93; Am. Ord. 06-2558, passed 2-14-06; Am. Ord. 15-3013, passed 7-16-15)

## **§ 97.02 INSPECTION AND REPORT.**

Each user of an approved system shall be required to maintain the system and have it inspected annually by a licensed alarm installation company, and furnish a copy of the inspection report to the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

(Ord. 93-1840, passed 7-13-93; Am. Ord. 06-2558, passed 2-14-06)

## **§ 97.03 EXCLUSIVE ALARM BOARD MONITORING CONTRACTOR.**

From time to time the Village Manager/ Comptroller may enter into a contract with an independent contractor to perform 24-hour monitoring of the alarm board. The independent contractor may charge a fee to the user for this service and cause disconnection in the event the fee is not timely paid.

(Ord. 93-1840, passed 7-13-93; Am. Ord. 06-2558, passed 2-14-06) Penalty, see § 97.99

## **§ 97.04 FALSE ALARMS.**

(A) The receipt by the Police Department of more than 50 false alarms in any given calendar year from any given system shall constitute grounds for disconnection.

(1) In order to further the elimination of the cause or causes of false alarms, whenever the Police Department shall notify the alarm-user by issuance of a written warning citation delivered to the user personally or by first class mail, the alarm-user shall pay the service charge set forth in the following schedule:

(a) Upon the occurrence of a fourth or fifth false alarm within any given calendar year, the alarm-user shall be billed and shall pay a service charge to the Village equal to \$25 each for such fourth and fifth false alarm. In the event said service charge is not paid within 60 days from the billing date, then the said service charge shall be increased to \$300.

(b) Upon the occurrence of a sixth through fifteenth false alarm within any given calendar year, the alarm-user shall be billed and shall pay a service charge to the Village equal to \$50 each for such sixth through 15th false alarm, and \$100 for each and every false alarm thereafter in the same calendar year. In the event said service charge is not paid within 60 days from the billing date, then the service charge shall be increased to \$500.

(2) Upon the occurrence of 51 false alarms within one calendar year, or upon non payment of any service charge within 30 days of being billed therefor, such special trunk line may be disconnected from the Village's alarm board by order of the Police Department and the user thereof notified of such disconnection by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(B) No system shall emit a sound for longer than 15 minutes nor shall such sound be similar to those of sirens of emergency vehicles or civil defense warning systems.

(Ord. 93-1840, passed 7-13-93; Am. Ord. 06-2558, passed 2-14-06) Penalty, see § 97.99

#### **§ 97.05 DATE OF MANDATORY DISCONNECTION.**

Within 30 days following the adoption of this section, the Police Department shall forward a copy of this Chapter 97 to all users of systems connected to the alarm board.

(A) Thereafter and at any time before July 1, 2006, every user of a system which is not an approved system and is located within an apartment building containing two or more dwelling units (including apartments owned pursuant to the Illinois Condominium Property Act) or any building containing any commercial or industrial use shall cause disconnection of such system.

(B) In the event such disconnection is not accomplished prior thereto, commencing on July 1, 2006, the Police Department shall cause such disconnection and notify the user of such system of such disconnection by first class mail.

(Ord. 93-1840, passed 7-13-93; Am. Ord. 06-2558, passed 2-14-06)

#### **§ 97.06 PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN APPROVED SUPERVISED SYSTEMS AND AUTOMATIC PROTECTION DEVICES.**

(A) On or after June 1, 2006, it shall be unlawful for any alarm-user whose system is located within an apartment building containing two or more dwelling units (including apartments in such buildings owned pursuant to the Illinois Condominium Property Act) or any building containing any commercial or industrial use to use any system other than an approved system; and

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to use or to engage in the business of providing any automatic protection device within the corporate limits of the Village.

(Ord. 93-1840, passed 7-13-93; Am. Ord. 06-2558, passed 2-14-06)

#### **§ 97.99 PENALTY.**

(A) Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter for which another penalty is not specifically provided shall be subject to penalty as set forth in § 10.99.

(B) Any owner, lessee, or user thereof who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, or refuses to comply with, or who resists enforcement of the provisions of § 97.05 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 for purposes of this section. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

(C) (1) At the effective date hereof, any alarm equipment supplier who installs an automatic protection device in violation of §

97.06 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

(2) Any person, firm, or corporation who shall use, cause, or permit to be used, automatic protection devices in violation of the terms of § 97.06 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$100.

(3) Each day that an automatic protection device exists in violation of the terms of § 97.06 shall be deemed a separate and distinct violation of this chapter.

(Ord. 93-1840, passed 7-13-93)