

CHAPTER 60.
Alarm Systems

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Sec. 60.01. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section.

Alarm agent means any person who is employed by an alarm business either directly or indirectly, whose duties include selling, maintaining, leasing, servicing, repairing, altering, moving or installing on or in any building, structure or facility, any alarm system.

Alarm business means any individual, partnership, corporation or other entity who sells, leases, maintains, services, repairs, alters, replaces, moves or installs any alarm system or causes to be sold, leased, maintained, serviced, repaired, altered, replaced, moved or installed any alarm system in or on any building, structure or facility.

Alarm system means any device used for the detection of an unauthorized entry or attempted entry into a building, structure or facility; alarm for fire, smoke, excess heat or explosion; or for alerting others of the commission of an unlawful act within a building, structure, facility or grounds, which when activated causes notification to be made directly or indirectly to the police department. For the purposes of this chapter, an alarm system shall not include:

- (1) An alarm installed on a motor vehicle;
- (2) An alarm designed and operated so that no notification is given to the police department until after the occupants, an agent of the owner or lessee, or an agent of the alarm system business have checked the alarm site and determined that the alarm was the possible or probable result of criminal activity or fire or explosion of the kind for which the alarm system was designed to give notice. The alarm shall be equipped to disconnect any exterior sounding alarm automatically within ten minutes of activation;
- (3) An alarm installed upon premises occupied by the United States, the State of Indiana or any political subdivision thereof.

False alarm means an alarm eliciting a police or fire response when the situation does not warrant such a response. For the purposes of this chapter, this does not include alarms triggered by severe atmospheric conditions or other circumstances not reasonably under the control of the alarm user, installer or maintainer. (Ord. No. 15-89, § 1.)

Sec. 60.02. Monitoring Fee.

(Ord. No. 14-11, Appendix A, item 19)

The building owner or his designee, shall, upon consultation with the Fire Chief or his designee, provide a one page, permanently affixed, information sheet with the fire alarm control panel and any remote annunciators. The information sheet shall be based on information contained in the initial and/or annual test of the fire alarm system the information sheet shall provide information including but not limited to the following: number of zones; readily understood description or map of zone locations; explanation of abbreviations displayed on the annunciator panels; manual pull station locations; locations of detectors displayed by the annunciators; and a listing of areas of the building, such as additions, that are not covered by the alarm system. The information sheet shall be updated as necessary to maintain accuracy due to alarm system changes, structural changes in the building, or other changes that make the information sheet inaccurate. Notwithstanding the penalties set forth in Sec. 60.07, the fine for violation of this ordinance shall be \$250, with each month of non-compliance being a separate offense.

(Ord. No. 14-06 §1)

Sec. 60.03. Registration of alarm business; agents to carry identification cards.

(a) Prior to doing business within the city, an alarm system business shall register with the police department on a form designated by the city for that purpose. On the form the business shall set forth:

- (1) The full name and address of the alarm system business;
- (2) The full name, business address and home address of the manager;
- (3) A telephone number at which the police department and fire department can notify personnel of the business of a need for assistance at any time;
- (4) The name, address and date of birth of all alarm agents employed by the alarm system business.

(b) An alarm system business shall promptly notify the police department in writing of any change in the information contained in the registration form. (Ord. No. 43-03 § 2.)

(c) Every alarm agent shall carry on his or her person at all times while engaged in the alarm system business an identification card, which shall be displayed to any police officer or fire department officer upon request. (Ord. No. 15-89, § 3, Ord. No. 43-03 § 2.)

the next succeeding violation, and two hundred dollars for all subsequent violations. The fine structure is based on the number of violations per calendar year. The fines apply provided the fine is paid at or before the court date or trial date; otherwise, the amount of the fine is doubled. (Ord. No. 43-03 § 5.)

Sec. 60.04. Prohibited acts.

(a) It shall be a prohibited act punishable by fine as provided in this chapter to do any of the following acts:

(1) For a person who owns or controls property on which an alarm system is installed to issue, cause to be issued, or permit the issuance of a false alarm;

(2) For a person who owns or controls property to install, maintain or permit to operate any alarm which automatically dials into any police department public or emergency telephone line when an alarm is activated;

(3) For a person participating in the ownership or management of an alarm system business to do any business within the city without registering as required by this chapter.

(b) Each separate occurrence, under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, and each separate day, under subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection (a) of this section, shall constitute a separate and distinct violation. (Ord. No. 15-89, § 4.)

Sec. 60.05. Notice of violation.

(a) Upon any false alarm, the police chief or designee shall issue a notice of violation. The person who owns or controls the property shall deliver a written report within 15 days to the police department detailing the circumstances of the false alarm and steps to be taken to prevent any future false alarms. (Ord. No. 43-03 § 3.)

(b) After the first three violations of § 60.04(a)(1) or for any violation of this chapter that the police chief or designee determines is not excusable, the police chief or designee may cite the violator to court for violation of this chapter. (Ord. No. 43-03 § 3.)

(c) A complaint and summons may be served, in person or by mailing upon the violator wherever the violator may be found or at the violator's last known address. (Ord. No. 43-03 § 3.)

Sec. 60.06. Hearing on excuse.

(Ord. No. 15-89, § 6. Deleted by Ord. No. 43-03 § 4.)

Sec. 60.07. Penalties.

The fine imposed for violation of this chapter will be twenty-five dollars for the first violation, fifty dollars for the next succeeding violation, one hundred dollars for