

PART V – POLICE REGULATION

Chapter 50
Alarm User

50.010. Definitions.

A. "Alarm System" is defined as a device or an assembly of equipment or devices arranged to signal the presence of a hazard requiring urgent attention and to which police officers and/or firefighters are expected to respond.

B. "False Alarm" shall be defined as any alarm condition which is registered at the Police Department, Fire Department or elsewhere not resulting from the activity for which the alarm was intended.

C. "Alarm User" is defined as any person on whose premises an alarm system is maintained within the Township except for alarm systems on motor vehicles. If, however, an alarm system on a motor vehicle is connected with an alarm system at a premises, the person using such alarm system is an alarm user. Also excluded from this definition and from the coverage of this Chapter are persons who use alarm systems to alert or signal persons within the premises in which the alarm system is located of an attempted unauthorized intrusion or hold-up attempt. If such a system, however, employs an audible signal emitting sounds or flashing lights or beacon designed to signal persons outside the premises, such system shall be within the definition of an alarm system and shall be subjected to this Chapter.

50.020. False Alarm Fine.

A. The alarm user shall be required to pay a fine, as set forth in 50.020(c), for each false alarm in excess of two (2) false alarms occurring within the calendar year. The calendar year shall be defined as January 1 to December 31 of any given year. Upon the occasion of the second false alarm occurring within the calendar year, the alarm user shall be advised in writing by the Plymouth Township Police Department of the Township's recording of the occurrence of the two false alarms and shall be advised of the existence of this Chapter.

B. Alarm conditions caused by the following extenuating circumstances shall not constitute a false alarm and no false alarm shall be charged by the Township:

- (1) Alarm conditions being activated by persons working on the alarm system with prior notification to the Police or Fire Department of the Township;
- (2) Alarm conditions being activated by severe weather or other violent conditions beyond the control of the alarm user;
- (3) Alarm conditions activated by disruption or disturbance of telephone or other communication systems.

C. Notwithstanding any penalties provided for in the event of a conviction for violation of this Chapter, and notwithstanding whether or not a prosecution has been commenced, any person, corporation, partnership or other legal entity who uses, leases, installs or directs the installation of an alarm system described in this Chapter shall be subject to fines as set by Township Board Resolution for the following:

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| (1) | First two false alarms requiring response by police/fire department, occurring within the calendar year. | No fine |
| (2) | Third false alarm requiring response by police/fire department occurring within the calendar year. | To be set by Township Board Resolution. |
| (3) | Fourth false alarm requiring response by police/fire department occurring within the calendar year. | To be set by Township Board Resolution. |
| (4) | Fifth false alarm requiring response by police/fire department occurring within the calendar year. | To be set by Township Board Resolution. |
| (5) | Sixth false alarm requiring response by police/fire department occurring within the calendar year. | To be set by Township Board Resolution. |

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| (6) | Any false alarm in excess of six occurring within the calendar year. | To be set by Township Board Resolution. |
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50.030. Interference with Telephone Communication Systems.

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 the automatic intrastate calling, dialing or connection to any telephone number assigned to any subscriber thereof by a public telephone company for the purposes of delivering a recorded message without the proper written consent of such subscriber.

50.040. Audible or Visual Signals.

No person shall use, install or direct to be installed any alarm system which emits a sound and/or visual signal for a period of longer than fifteen (15) minutes from the time of the initial signaling of the device(s).

50.050. Violation and Penalty.

Any person, corporation, partnership or other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court. Each day that the violation continues after due notice has been served in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof shall be deemed a separate offense.