

Chapter 5.28

POLICE ALARM SYSTEMS

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5.28.010 License required.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to install or maintain police alarm systems in the City without first having obtained a police alarm system contractor's license. This requirement shall not apply to persons who sell systems but do not install or maintain them, nor to persons who install and maintain their own systems.

B. A license application shall be filed with the City on forms furnished by the City and shall provide at the minimum the following information:

1. The name and address of the applicant and each employee or agent who will engage in business within the City on behalf of the applicant, and except for a corporation a stock of which is traded publicly, the name and address of any person owning more than a ten percent (10%) interest in the applicant.

2. Information concerning any criminal record of such persons and other background information.

3. Fingerprint cards of all persons who will be doing installation and maintenance work within the City.

C. Accompanying the application shall be an application fee in the amount of \$75.00, along with a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) surety bond in a form approved by the City guaranteeing the faithful and honest conduct of business under the license running in favor of the City and customers of the applicant.

D. Licenses shall expire on December 31 of each year and may be renewed by submitting an application with any updated information and a \$25.00 renewal fee.

E. A license may be revoked by the City Council following notice and hearing for a violation of this Chapter, or the criteria for a license, or on account of failure to install or maintain police alarm systems in a good and workmanlike manner. (Ord. 2, §1(part), 1990)

5.28.020 Investigation and issuance of license.

A. Following receipt of a properly completed application, the City shall conduct a background investigation of the applicant, its agents, employees and owners to determine if they are of good moral character.

B. The City shall issue the license unless it is determined that the application is deficient, the applicant or any of its officers, agents or owners are not of good moral character, a misleading or fraudulent statement of a material fact has been submitted with the application, or the applicant has had a similar type permit previously revoked for cause within the past year.

C. If the criteria for issuance of a license are met, a license shall be issued to the applicant along with identification cards which shall be carried by those persons doing business within the City.

D. Any applicant whose application is denied may appeal the denial to the City Council which shall decide the matter following a hearing with reasonable notice. (Ord. 3, §1(part), 1990)

5.28.030 Direct dial systems. No person may install a direct dial police alarm system coded to any telephone number without the permission of the person to whose telephone it is coded. (Ord. 2, §1(part), 1990)

5.28.040 Audible alarm requirements. Any person maintaining an audible alarm as part of a building police alarm system shall post a notice stating the names and telephone numbers of the persons to be notified to render repair or service and to secure the premises if any alarm is activated. Such notice shall be posted near the alarm in a position legible from the ground outside the building where the alarm system is located. (Ord. 2, §1(part), 1990)

5.28.050 False alarms.

A. It shall be unlawful to maintain a defective police alarm system.

B. A police alarm system shall be deemed to be defective if it causes alarms responded to by the City's police department, which were not caused by criminal activity, in excess of the following:

1. One false alarm in any thirty (30) day period; or
2. Two false alarms in any ninety (90) day period;

or

3. Three false alarms in any one hundred eighty (180) day period; or

4. Four false alarms in any three hundred sixty five (365) day period.

C. A defective alarm system is hereby declared to be a nuisance which may be abated by the City in any lawful manner.

D. Any person owning or using a defective alarm system shall be liable to pay the City fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each false alarm to which the City police department responds over the above limits. The City may enforce collection of such amounts in any lawful manner and may certify such amounts as a delinquent charge to the County Treasurer to be collected similarly as delinquent taxes against the property upon which such system is located. It shall be unlawful to fail to pay such amounts within thirty (30) days after billing by the City. (Ord. 2, §1(part), 1990)