

**PRIVATE ALARM SYSTEM ORDINANCE FOR
The Town of Lincoln, New Hampshire**

The Town of Lincoln Ordains:

SECTION 1. Definitions

A. “Private Alarm Systems”: For the purpose of this ordinance, private alarm systems shall include: Any electrical/mechanical device designed to detect and/or report: fire, unauthorized intrusion, robbery, medical emergencies, low temperature, or other emergency conditions.

B. Individual fire detectors which are not part of a monitored system shall not be considered private alarm systems for the purpose of this ordinance.

C. “Off Premises Reporting”: Any electrical/mechanical means by which the activation of an alarm system is reported to an outside location, including but not limited to: telephone digital communications, radio signal, direct wire, and tape dialers.

D. “Owner”: The person, firm or corporation listed in the blotter book as the legal owner of the property protected by the system.

E. “False Alarm”: Any activation of an alarm system caused by equipment malfunction, operating error of the system user, power failure, or environmental disturbance which causes the reporting of a condition not in existence.

SECTION 2. Registration Required

The owner of any premises protected by a private alarm system shall register the alarm with the Town of Lincoln as set forth below:

A. All alarm systems which report the detection of fire, smoke or medical emergencies by use of off premises reporting shall be registered with the Lincoln Communication Center. A \$10 registration fee must be submitted with the alarm permit application.

B. All alarm systems which report the detection of unauthorized intrusion, robbery, low temperature, or other emergencies by use of off premises reporting, shall be registered with the Lincoln Communications Center and Chief of Police. A \$10 registration fee will be charged with the permit application.

C. Registration of alarm systems shall be in accordance with rules and regulations as set forth by the Chief of Police and Supervisor of the Lincoln Communications Center. Registrations for all self-dialing alarm systems are required under RSA 370-A:2. All of these alarms must be tied into the dedicated line provided by the Town. All registrations will include: Identification of the owner and site location, identification of any unusual fire, life safety, or theft hazard kept on the premises, identification of the alarm company or a maintenance person who will be available 24 hours per day, the names, addresses and phone numbers of two persons other than the occupants of the premises who are generally available to allow emergency personnel to make access to the premises, and on-site inspection by the Chief of Police or a designee.

D. The owner of any Private Alarm System who fails to register his alarm system shall pay a fee of \$25 each time the alarm is responded to by any agency of the Town of Lincoln. This fee will be waived if the alarm is registered within five days of the alarm response.

E. The owner of any Private Alarm System registering with the Town of Lincoln will be required to sign an acknowledgement of response delay if they elect to have their alarm monitoring company place calls to their premises prior to notifying the Lincoln Communications Center. Additionally, this acknowledgement of response delay will allow for extra time while the Lincoln Communications Center personnel verify information received by the alarm monitoring company.

F. Any owner registering an alarm system under this ordinance shall execute an acknowledgement that registration does not constitute a representation that the Town will provide any specific type of response. Such response shall be at the discretion of the appropriate investigative agency.

SECTION 3. False Alarms

Owners of alarm systems shall have alarms properly installed and maintained and all users of the system properly instructed in system use.

A. A fee of \$25 shall be charged for the fourth and each succeeding false alarm received in one quarter (3 month period) of the calendar year and responded to by the Lincoln Police Department. A fee of \$100 shall be charged for the third and each succeeding false fire alarm received in one calendar year and responded to by the Lincoln Fire Department. In the event of false alarm(s) caused by a power outage, The Chief of Police or Fire Chief may recommend to the Board of Selectmen waiving the false alarm fee.

B. The Communication Center personnel on duty at the time the alarm is sounded or reported shall make written notification to the owner or his representative at the time of the alarm, classifying the alarm as valid, false, or undetermined. Classification may be appealed to the Chief of the responding department.

C. Grace Period: New alarm installations shall be exempt from the false alarm fee for a period of thirty days from the installation providing proper registration of the alarm system has been filed.

D. Certification of Repair Required: Following any repair made to an alarm system, the owner shall notify the Lincoln Communications Center in writing that the system has been properly repaired. Certification by a licensed installer under RSA 323:A stating that the system is fully repaired and operational will be required on a form generated by the Lincoln Communications Center.

ORDINANCE REVIEWED AND APPROVED ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____,

By the Board of Selectmen of the
Town of Lincoln, New Hampshire
