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CROSS REFERENCES

False alarms - see GEN. OFF. 509.07

Smoke detectors - see BLDG. Ch. 1377

1385.01 PURPOSE; SCOPE.

Any residence or lawful business located in the City may be equipped with an emergency alarm, for the purpose of detecting and signaling unauthorized intrusion, upon compliance with this chapter. Existing installations are subject to the requirements of this chapter, including those pertaining to permits. This chapter specifically does not apply to fire alarm systems. (Ord. 26-87. Passed 3-24-87.)

1385.02 CONNECTION OF EQUIPMENT; PERMIT REQUIRED; APPLICATION; ISSUANCE; FEE.

Any person wishing to connect emergency alarm equipment to the police station must first acquire a permit therefor. Upon proper application by any person to connect installed equipment to the City police station to receive emergency alarms, the Chief of Police or his or her authorized representative may issue a permit for such connection. The annual fee for such permit shall be as set forth beginning on June 1 of each year or any part of a year or any part of each year, below:

Emergency Alarm Systems Permit (per year or part thereof): twenty-four dollars (\$24.00)
(Ord. 26-87. Passed 3-24-87.)

1385.03 FALSE ALARMS.

(a) A charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be assessed by the Chief of Police for each false alarm received through equipment described in this chapter, and for each false alarm received through any other alarm service which the City has given permission to be installed. Such fee shall be assessed against the holder of the permit for the alarm with which the false alarm is

associated.

(b) A charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be assessed by the Chief for each false alarm received by telephone from a central station or alarm company answering service. Such fee shall be assessed against the alarm company with which the false alarm is associated.

(c) Notwithstanding the fees provided for in subsections (a) and (b) hereof, no charge shall be made for a first false alarm and no charge shall be made for a false alarm to which there is no response by the Police Department or the cause for which is proven to be an act of God.

(d) Any charge for a false alarm as provided for in subsection (a) and (b) hereof, which remains unpaid thirty days after the date of invoice, shall result in the cancellation of permit required in Section 1385.02 .

(e) If a charge under this section remains unpaid thirty days after the date of the invoice, such fact shall be grounds for revoking or for refusing to renew or grant such a permit, and any direct connection to the equipment of the police station shall be terminated.

(f) No permit shall be renewed unless all payments due under this section are paid in full. (Ord. 26-87. Passed 3-24-87.)

1385.04 EQUIPMENT STANDARDS.

(a) All equipment used in installations for which a permit is required under this chapter shall meet the applicable standards of Underwriters' Laboratories and/or other recognized industry standards. An applicant shall submit evidence of the reliability and suitability of the equipment to be installed.

(b) The sensory mechanism used in connection with such a device shall be adjusted to suppress false indications of intrusion, so that the device will not be actuated by impulses due to transient pressure changes in water pipes, short flashes of light, wind noises such as the rattling or vibrating of doors or windows, vehicular noises adjacent to the installation or other forces unrelated to genuine alarms.

(c) All components comprising such a device must be maintained by the owner or lessee in good repair to ensure reliability of operation.
(Ord. 26-87. Passed 3-24-87.)

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