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BURGLAR ALARM ORDINANCE

AT THE 1983 ATKINSON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING A BURGLAR ALARM ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED. UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE ALL BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE ATKINSON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

ENCLOSED IS A REGISTRATION FORM FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. PLEASE FILL THIS FORM OUT AND RETURN IT TO THE ATKINSON POLICE DEPARTMENT, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOUR COPY OF THE FORM WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU AFTER BEING SIGNED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE.

PHILIP V. CONSENTINO,
CHIEF OF POLICE

JUST SAY NO TO ALCOHOL AND DRUGS!



SECTION 350

HOME INTRUSION ALARM ORDINANCE

Approved By: Annual Town Meeting Date: March 1983

350:01 Definitions:

- A. An alarm System is any assembly of equipment and/or device, arranged to signal, by any means detectable outside the protected premises, an actual or attempted robbery or an actual or attempted burglary or unauthorized entry. Fire alarms and alarms to monitor temperature, humidity, or other conditions not directly related to the detection of any unauthorized entry into the protected premises or an actual or attempted robbery at the protected premises, and alarm systems on motor vehicles, are specifically excluded from the provisions of this ordinance.
- B. The protected premises are those premises in/on which the alarm system is installed and which the alarm system is designated to protect.
- C. A Direct dial alarm is any alarm system which automatically dials or otherwise connects to any telephone line.
- D. An Audible alarm system is any alarm system which incorporates an audible signal device that is audible outside the protected premises.
- E. An alarm system is in operation when it is connected in any manner, allowing its signal device to be activated.
- F. An alarm user is any natural person, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity which maintains or operates an alarm system on premises he/it controls or has the right to control.
- G. A false alarm is any activation of the alarm system signal device by other than an actual or attempted unauthorized entry to the protected premises at a time when no unauthorized entry or robbery is being committed or attempted at the protected premises. Upon the failure of the Police Department to find evidence of actual attempted unauthorized intrusion or other legitimate need or cause for activation, a conclusive presumption of a false alarm is made.

350:02 Direct Dial Alarms Prohibited

No direct dial alarm shall be installed to the Atkinson Police Emergency telephone line.

350:03 Permit Required

No alarm system shall be installed or operated without a valid permit to do so issued by the Chief of Police on forms provided by the Police Department.

350:04 Requirements for Audible Alarms

- A. No audible alarm system shall be installed or operated that is not so arranged as to automatically reset or deactivate the audible signal device within 15 minutes after activation of the alarm system.
- B. No alarm user shall operate or allow the operation of an audible alarm system unless he has filed with the Police Department the name(s) and current telephone number(s) of at least one person other than the alarm user who is authorized and has access to enter the premises and turn off or otherwise disconnect the audible signal device.
- C. Upon the occurrence of a second false alarm within any 24 hour period, or of a third false alarm within any seven day period, the Police Department may order that the audible signal device be turned off, disconnected, or otherwise prevented from reactivating. Said order shall be directed to the alarm user or person named by him pursuant to Section 350:04B above. If the alarm system audible signal device is not turned off, disconnected, or otherwise prevented from reactivating within one hour of an order by the Police Department to do so, the alarm user shall be guilty of a Violation as defined by the New Hampshire Criminal Code.
- D. An audible signal device ordered by the Police Department to be disconnected, may be returned to operation only with the permission of the Chief of Police after receipt by him of a written report from the alarm user stating the corrective action taken to prevent a recurrence of a false alarm.

350:05 Penalties for False Alarms

- A. Upon the occurrence of a first or second false alarm within any six month period, no fee shall be charged. However, the Police Department shall provide written notice to the alarm user of the occurrence of the false alarm and requesting that the alarm user take corrective action.
- B. Upon the occurrence of any false alarm which is the third or greater false alarm within any six month period, a service charge of \$25.00 shall be assessed by the Police Department against the alarm user. Said service charge shall be paid within 30 days of assessment.
- C. Upon the occurrence of any false alarm which is the sixth or greater false alarm within any 12 month period, the Chief of Police may suspend the permit for operation of the offending alarm system. Said permit shall be reinstated by the Chief of Police only after receipt by him of a written report signed by a qualified alarm system technician stating the corrective action that has been taken and stating that in the technician's opinion, the alarm system is properly installed and can be expected to function properly.

350:06 Grace Period Allowed

A grace period ending three months after the effective date of this ordinance is allowed for alarm systems installed prior to the effective date of this ordinance to meet the requirements herein. Said grace period does not apply to the provisions of sections 350:05 above.

