

Chapter 3

ALARM SYSTEMS

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HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Seaside Park 12-21-1989 as Ordinance No. 1082. Amended 11-19-2001 by Ord. No. 1285.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Seaside Park, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

§3-1. Definitions and word usage.

For the purpose of this Chapter, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings given herein:

ALARM SYSTEM — Any device designed, when actuated, to produce or emit a sound or transmit a signal or message for the purpose of alerting others to the existence of an emergency situation requiring immediate investigation by police, fire, or other emergency services.

FALSE ALARM — The activation of an alarm system by causes other than those to which the alarm system was designed or intended to respond.

FIRE DEPARTMENT — The Seaside Park Volunteer Fire Company.

POLICE DEPARTMENT — The Seaside Park Police Department.

§3-2. Inspection and information.

- A. The Police Department, Fire Department and Code Enforcement Officer are authorized, at reasonable time and upon oral notice, to enter any premises in the Borough of Seaside Park or within the area serviced by the Seaside Park Volunteer Fire Company to inspect the installation and/or operation of any alarm device as official business.
- B. All businesses and residences having alarms must submit to the Police Department the names, addresses and emergency telephone numbers of person(s) to contact if the alarm is activated and shall update or amend this list monthly. This list

shall be considered confidential and shall be used by the Borough when necessary to make contact due to official business.

§3-3. False alarms.

- A. The Seaside Park Police Department shall keep a written record (the police event/dispatch card) of all false alarms which summon Police, Fire or other emergency service personnel to investigate.
- B. After three (3) false alarms in any calendar year, the Police Department shall charge the owner or lessee of such alarm an Administrative Inspection Fee as outlined in §3-4.
- C. The Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to order the disconnection of any alarm device which is connected to the Police Department that does not meet the requirements of this Chapter, or is responsible for ten (10) false alarms during any calendar year.
- D. Should any disconnection result due to §3-3C, all liability shall be upon said subscriber for all losses whatsoever during the period of disconnection, and no liability shall be placed upon the Borough.
- E. In order to reconnect to the Police Department, the alarm subscriber must submit in writing, to the Code Enforcement Officer, proof that the problem with the alarm has been corrected. Approval may be given on a trial basis for sixty (60) days. A reconnect fee will be charged as set forth in §3-4B.
- F. Owner, lessee or alarm business, after consulting with the Code Enforcement Officer, may appeal said decision to the Borough Council.

§3-4. Penalties and fees.

Amended 11-19-2001 by Ord. No. 1285

A. An Administrative Inspection Fee shall be charged for false alarms during any calendar year in accordance with the following schedule:

- (1) First false alarm no fee
- (2) Second false alarm no fee
- (3) Third false alarm no fee
- (4) Fourth false alarm \$125.00
- (5) Fifth false alarm \$175.00
- (6) Sixth false alarm \$225.00
- (7) Seventh false alarm \$275.00
- (8) Eighth false alarm \$325.00
- (9) Ninth false alarm \$375.00
- (10) Tenth false alarm \$425.00

B. Reconnection fee as outlined in §3-3E \$50.00

C. Administrative Inspection Fees and Reconnection Fees shall be paid to the borough within ten (10) days of notification to the subscriber.