

## CHAPTER 1

### BURGLAR AND HOLDUP ALARM USERS REGISTRATION; FALSE ALARMS

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#### 9-1-1: PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Article is to provide minimum standards and regulations applicable to burglar and holdup alarm systems and alarm users as defined in this Article.

#### 9-1-2: DEFINITIONS:

For the purpose of this Article, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

ALARM SYSTEM	An assembly of equipment and devices (or a single device such as a solid state unit which plugs directly into a 110 volt AC line) arranged to signal the presence of a hazard requiring urgent attention and to which police are expected to respond. In this Article the term "alarm system" shall include the terms "automatic holdup alarm systems", "burglar alarm systems", "holdup alarm systems" and "manual holdup alarm systems". Fire alarm systems and alarm systems which monitor temperature, humidity, or any other condition not directly related to the detection of an unauthorized intrusion into a premises or an attempted robbery at a premises are specifically excluded from the provisions of this Article.
ALARM USER	Any person on whose premises an alarm system is maintained within the Village except for alarm systems on motor vehicles or proprietary systems. If however, an alarm system on a motor vehicle is connected with an alarm system at a premises (other than a proprietary system), the person using such system is an alarm user. Also excluded from this definition and from the coverage of this Article are persons who use alarm systems to alert or signal persons within the premises in which the alarm system is located of an attempted unauthorized intrusion or holdup attempt. If such a system, however, employs an audible signal emitting sounds or flashing light or beacon designed to signal persons outside the premises, such systems shall be within the definition of alarm systems and shall be subject to this Article.
ANNUNCIATOR	The instrumentation of an alarm console at the receiving terminal of a signal line which, through both visual and audible signals, shows when an alarm device at a particular location has been activated or it may also indicate line trouble.
ANSWERING SERVICE	A telephone service providing, among its services, the service of receiving on a continuous basis through trained employees, emergency signals from alarm systems, and thereafter immediately relaying the message by live voice to the communication center of the Police Department.

AUTOMATIC DIALING DEVICE	An alarm system which automatically sends over regular telephone lines, by direct connection or otherwise, a prerecorded voice message or coded signal indicating the existence of the emergency situation that the alarm system is designed to detect.
CENTRAL STATION	An office to which remote alarm and supervisory signaling devices are connected, where operators supervise the circuits, and where guards are maintained continuously to investigate signals.
CENTRAL STATION EQUIPMENT	The signal receiving, recording or retransmitting equipment installed in the central station.
CENTRAL STATION SYSTEM	A system in which the operation of electrical protection circuits and devices are signaled automatically to, recorded in, maintained and supervised from a central station having trained operators and guards in attendance at all times.
DIRECT CONNECT	An alarm system which has the capability of transmitting system signals to and receiving them at an agency maintained by the local government; for example, a police communications center.
DIRECT LINE	A telephone line leading directly from a central station to the communications center of the Police Department that is for use only to report emergency signals on a person-to-person basis.
FALSE ALARM	The activation of an alarm system through mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation or the negligence of the owner or lessee of an alarm system or of his employees or agents. Such terminology does not include, for example, alarms caused by hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes or other violent conditions.
HOLDUP ALARM SYSTEM	An alarm system signaling a robbery or attempted robbery.
LOCAL ALARM SYSTEM	A signaling system which when activated causes an audible and/or visual signaling device to be activated in or on the premises within which the system is installed.
MANUAL HOLDUP ALARM SYSTEM	An alarm system in which the signal transmission is initiated by the direct action of the person attacked or by an observer of the attack.

PERSON	Any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.
POLICE CHIEF	The Chief of the Police Department of the Village of Lincolnshire, or his designated representative.
POLICE or POLICE DEPARTMENT	The publicly supported Police Department of the Village of Lincolnshire or any authorized agent thereof.
PRIMARY TRUNKLINE	A telephone line leading directly into the communication center of the Police Department that is for the purpose of handling emergency calls on a person-to-person basis, and which is identified as such by a specific number included among the emergency numbers listed in the telephone directory issued by the telephone company and covering the service area within the Police Department's jurisdiction.
PROPRIETARY SYSTEM	An alarm system sounding and/or recording alarm and supervisory signals at a control center located within the protected premises, the control center being under the supervision of the proprietor of the protected premises. If a proprietary system includes a signal line connected directly or by means of an automatic dialing device to a police communication center, a central station, modified central station or an answering service, it hereby becomes an "alarm system" as defined in this Article.
SUBSCRIBER	A person who buys and/or leases or otherwise obtains an alarm signaling system and thereafter contracts with or hires an alarm business to monitor and/or service the alarm device.
TELEPHONE COMPANY	The utility that furnishes telephone services to the Village.
VILLAGE	The Village of Lincolnshire, Illinois.

**9-1-3: AUTOMATIC DIALING SERVICE; INTERCONNECTION TO PRIMARY TRUNKLINES:**

No automatic dialing device shall be interconnected to a primary trunkline and all automatic dialing devices interconnected to a primary trunkline shall be disconnected therefrom.

**9-1-4: TESTING EQUIPMENT:**

No alarm system designed to transmit emergency messages directly to the Police Department shall be tested or demonstrated without first obtaining permission from the Police Chief. Permission is not required to test or demonstrate alarm devices not transmitting emergency messages directly to the Police Department unless the messages are to be relayed to the Police Department.

**9-1-5: NOTICE OF DISRUPTION IN SERVICE:**

When an alarm business' service to its subscribers is disrupted for any reason by the alarm business, or the alarm business becomes aware of such disruption, it shall promptly notify its subscriber by telephone that protection is no longer being provided. If however, the alarm business has written instructions from its subscriber not to make such notifications by telephone during certain hours, the alarm business may comply with such instructions.

**9-1-6: ALARM USER REGISTRATION:**

- A. Registration: Every alarm user shall register each alarm system he operates within this Village with the Police Chief.
- B. Alarm User Registration Application: The alarm user shall state on the application form his name, the address of the residence or business, or businesses in or upon which the alarm system has been or will be installed, his telephone number, the type of alarm system (local, direct connect, central station, etc.), the individual or alarm company selling, installing, monitoring, inspecting, responding to and/or maintaining the alarm system, and the name and telephone number of at least one person (in the case of a corporate alarm user applicant, at least two [2] persons) who can be reached at any time, day or night, and who is authorized to respond to an alarm signal and who can open the premises in which the system is installed.
- C. The information contained in an alarm user registration application required by this Section and other information received by the Police Chief through correspondence or communications with an alarm user shall be securely maintained and restricted to inspection only by the Police Chief or certain officers or Village employees specifically assigned the responsibility of handling and processing alarm user registrations in the course of official

duties. The Police Chief or any employee of the Village shall not reveal the information contained in an alarm user registration application or in correspondence or communications with an alarm user to any other person for any purpose not related to this Article or official law enforcement matters and without the express written consent of the alarm user supplying such information.

- D. Any alarm system user who operates an alarm system without first registering as required by this Section, and who fails to disconnect his alarm system, shall be in violation of this Article.

**9-1-7: FALSE ALARMS:**

More than three (3) false alarms in any calendar year from any alarm system shall subject the alarm user as prescribed in the Comprehensive Fine/Penalty Schedule set forth in Chapter 17 of Title 1 of this Code.

**9-1-8: LIEN CREATED:**

In the event any owner of an alarm system fails to pay the false alarm charge provided for in Section 9-1A-7 above within thirty (30) days after written notice from the Village, a lien is declared against the real estate upon which said alarm system is located in the amount of the charge(s) due. The Village Clerk may record a lien for the nonpayment of the charge(s) due. The lien may be enforced by proceedings to foreclose, as in cases of mortgages or mechanics liens. Suit to foreclose this lien must be commenced within three (3) years after the date of the recording of the lien.

**9-1-9: LIABILITY OF VILLAGE LIMITED:**

The Village shall take every reasonable precaution to assure that alarm signals and prerecorded alarm messages received by the Village are given appropriate attention and are acted upon with dispatch. Nevertheless, the Village shall not be liable for any defects in operation of automatic protection devices and signal line systems, for any failure or neglect to respond appropriately upon receipt of an alarm from such source, nor for the failure or neglect to any person with a license as described herein or with a franchise, in connection with the installation and operation of equipment, the transmission of alarm signals and prerecorded alarm messages, or the relaying of such signals and messages.