

## SECURITY/FIRE ALARM REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- A *"False Alarm"* is an alarm signal that elicits a response by police or fire personnel when a situation requiring a response does not exist, but does not include an alarm signal caused by acts of God or other extraordinary circumstances not reasonably subject to control by the alarm user.
- A *"Nuisance Alarm"* is an alarm signal caused by mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation, or lack of proper maintenance, or any alarm activated by a cause that cannot be determined.
- The holder of the alarm system registration shall at all times, be responsible for the proper maintenance and repair of the system and for the repair and replacement of any component, method of installation, design feature or like condition which may be responsible for a false alarm.

The fee schedule for alarm registration shall be as follows:

1. Initial registration fee for alarm systems (not to include single family homes and duplexes)	\$25.00
2. Annual renewal fee per alarm system (not to include single family homes and duplexes)	\$25.00
3. Late registration fee (30 days or more)	\$35.00

The fee schedule for false and nuisance alarms generated during the registration year (from August 1<sup>st</sup> -July 31<sup>st</sup>) shall be charged as follows:

Number of false or nuisance alarms	False/nuisance alarm charges
1 <sup>st</sup> four false/nuisance alarms per year	No Charge
5 <sup>th</sup> -----	\$50.00
6 <sup>th</sup> -----	\$100.00
7 or more -----	\$250.00 each
False alarm fee for alarm systems without registration - \$250.00 per false/nuisance alarm after the first false/nuisance alarm (not to include single family homes and duplexes).	
All false alarm fees will be doubled if a representative from the business or residence does not respond to the property at the request of Police or Fire personnel.	

### Failure to Pay Fees

(A) For all *non fire* alarm systems, if the alarm user fails to pay the registration fee or false alarm fees, written notice shall be sent to the user by certified mail. If payment is not made within ten days from the date of the mailing, then the user's permit to maintain an alarm shall be revoked by the Coordinator. The system must be removed from the protected premises within 15 days, unless a decision by the Coordinator allows for reinstatement of the alarm systems registration.

(B) In the case of a fire alarm system, for which the registration fees or false/nuisance alarm fees have not been paid, upon determination of the Coordinator, or his designee, registration may be revoked and the State Fire Marshal notified. If such action is taken in a location required by state law to have an operable fire alarm system, the premises may be closed until the alarm is brought into compliance, and/or fees have been paid, or an approved fire watch must be implemented.