

CHAPTER 1-02—ALARM DEVICE OR SYSTEM ORDINANCES

1-02-01 ALARMS: Business, residential, burglary, fire, medical emergency OR any emergency alarm or device or system. Alarm System means any assembly of equipment and devices, arranged to signal the presence of a hazard requiring urgent attention and to which public safety personnel and equipment are expected to respond. All alarms installed in the Town of Stratham shall conform to the standards set forth in the following publications:

Revised Statutes Annotated 323-A as amended (Repealed 1985):
NFPA 101 (Life Safety Code)
The Fire Prevention Code (AIA)
NFPA 72, 73 (Fire Alarm Systems)

1-02-02 All individuals, firms or corporations seeking direct connection to the alarm receiving station at the Stratham Police Department or Stratham Fire Department or other receiving station shall contract with the approved alarm service for connection. The service shall maintain and repair the receiver to the satisfaction of the Chief of Police or Fire Chief. Individuals may install an alarm of their choice provided it is in conformance with all sections of this ordinance. The Chief of Police or Fire Chief shall sign an approval sheet for all new connections. Alarm owners must provide the following information when installing new alarms:

- 1) Name, address, phone number, business phone
- 2) Exact location of building with alarm
- 3) A current list of individuals in charge of property in the absence of the owner. This shall include name, address, and home and business phone of at least three (3) persons who can be contacted in the event of an emergency. Said persons shall have a key to gain entry and be capable of resetting the alarm.

1-02-03 The Stratham Police Department will not be responsible for resetting any alarm. Keys or other access material to any building will not be maintained at the receiving location.

1-02-04 PENALTY: In the event the individual alarm system malfunctions and the trouble is determined to be in the individual alarm system, the alarm owner will be required to have the appropriate repairs made within forty-eight (48) hours. Repeated malfunctions due to disrepair will be treated as false alarms. False alarm means activation of an alarm system through mechanical failure, accidental tripping, misoperation, malfunction, misuse, or the neglect of the owner or lessee of an alarm system, or of his employees or agents. Upon failure of the Police Department to find any evidence of intrusion or other legitimate cause of activating an alarm system, a conclusive presumption of false alarm will be made. False alarm shall not include alarms caused by earthquakes, violent winds, malfunctions of telephone line circuits, or external causes beyond the control of the owner or lessee of the alarm system.

1-02-05 It shall be unlawful for any individual, firm or corporation to cause or attempt to cause a false alarm through the use of alarm reporting equipment. Any person violating the provisions of this chapter and section shall be assessed a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each incident. False alarms, due to malfunction of equipment, shall be an affirmative defense to this penalty. However, in the event an individual, firm or corporation records three (3) or more false alarms in a thirty (30) day period, they shall be assessed a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each subsequent report. All imposed or assessed penalties shall be paid within fourteen (14) calendar days inclusive of the billing date of said offense. All assessed penalties shall be paid to the Town Clerk of the Town of Stratham.

1-02-06 Any person violating the provisions of this chapter or the rules and regulations made under the authority thereof, and who has not paid the assessed penalty(ies) for which he is liable under Section 02-02, may be summonsed to appear before the District Court and shall be liable to a penalty of not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

1-02-07 The Chief of Police or Fire Chief reserves the right to order a disconnect and may refuse to send public safety personnel and equipment for any alarm that is in disrepair, is a habitual false alarm violator, or fails to meet any of the conditions of this ordinance.

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