

ORDINANCE NO. 50

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF PRIVATE ALARM SYSTEMS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WESTFALL, PIKE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SUCH SYSTEMS AND THE REVOCATION THEREOF; REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION BY PROPERTY OWNERS WITH THE TOWNSHIP FOR NOTIFICATION PURPOSES: AND PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ORDINANCE AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Supervisors of Westfall Township, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same:

SECTION I. DEFINITIONS

A. Alarm System shall mean any device designed to use for detection of intrusion into a building, structure, or facility or for alerting persons in the attempt or commission of a crime or any emergency situation involving potential death or serious injury; and which is directly connected to an audible alarm for the transmission of a related signal or message which is used to evoke an emergency response to any address or separate component of any system.

B. Nuisance Alarm shall mean the activation of an alarm system due to other than the said purpose for which the alarm system is designed. Any activation of an alarm system caused by its malfunction because of violent natural catastrophic conditions including electrical storms, or power outages, or conditions beyond the control of the property owner will not constitute a nuisance alarm.

SECTION II. APPLICATIONS

A. Any property owner wishing to install an alarm system shall file with the Westfall Police Department, on forms provided by the Township, a written application stating the name, address and telephone number of the property owner/applicant; a description of the property, or properties, where the proposed alarm system shall be installed; the location and street address of the property; a description of the type or types of alarm system(s) to be used including name and model number of the manufacturer; the name of the person or company who will install the alarm system; the name, address and telephone number of any person, or company, in the owners absence, who will be available to be contacted in the event of an alarm activation. In the event the name, mailing address, or telephone number of the person, or company, to be contacted changes, the applicant shall supply this information to the Westfall Police Department within five (5) days of the change. In case there is more than one building in which the alarm system shall be installed, the applicant must provide the Township with information concerning how the alarm for each building shall be distinguishable from the alarm in said other buildings. The property owner, or his designee, upon the request of the Westfall Police Department, shall be required to be present at the alarm location within a reasonable period of time after being advised that the Police, or other emergency departments, have received a signal or message of an alarm activation.

B. Any property owner who presently has an alarm system shall register their name with the Westfall Police Department, and provide said Department with all the information requested under Section II of this ordinance, if applicable. The property owner, or their designee, upon request of the Westfall Township Police Department, shall be required to be present at the alarm location within a reasonable period of time after being advised that the police, or other emergency departments, have received a signal or message of alarm activation.

SECTION III. TRANSFERS OF PERMITS

A. Alarm permits shall not be transferable from one property owner to another, or from one location to another, without the express written authorization from the Westfall Police Department. In the event that the premises in which the alarm system has been installed is to be transferred to another individual, it shall be the responsibility of the permittee to notify the Westfall Police Department of the name, address, and telephone number of said transferee.

B. Any individual who obtains title to premises in which an alarm system has been installed shall register their name with the Westfall Township Police Department, and provide said Department with all information requested under Section II of this ordinance, if applicable.

SECTION IV: ALARM PERMIT FEES

A. Every person applying for an alarm permit under the provisions of this Ordinance shall pay a fee of \$25.00 to obtain the permit prior to the installation of the alarm system on the premises.

B. Any individual who presently owns, or obtains title to premises, in which an alarm system has already been installed shall pay the fee of \$10.00 to register their name, address, telephone number and the individual to be contacted in case of the activation of the alarm system.

C. All fees shall be made payable to the Township of Westfall.

SECTION V: SUSPENSION OF PERMIT

A. A permit shall be suspended within fifteen (15) days after a permittee receives written notice from the Westfall Township Police Department that three (3) nuisance alarms have occurred on said permittee's premises within a period of thirty (30) days. The suspension of the permit will be lifted when the permittee gives proof that the alarm system has been repaired.

SECTION VI: PENALTIES

A. If any nuisance alarm occurs on any property owner's premises after three (3) nuisance alarms have occurred on said premises within a period of thirty (30) days, upon conviction before a District Magistrate, said property owner will be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars per nuisance alarm that occurred after the first three (3) alarms together with the cost of prosecution.

B. Any person who shall violate, or fail to meet, any of the provisions of the Ordinance, upon conviction before a District Magistrate, will be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars together with the cost of the prosecution and in default thereof shall undergo imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.

SECTION VII. CONFIDENTIALITY

A. The information furnished and secured pursuant to this Ordinance shall be confidential in character and shall be so kept in order that the contents thereof shall not be known except to persons charged with the administration of this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

A. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days from the date of its adoption. Owners of alarm systems existing at the time of the adoption of this Ordinance shall have a period of sixty (60) days to comply with all provisions hereof.

SECTION IX. REPEALER

A. All ordinances, and parts of Ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Enacted into an Ordinance this 21 day of January, 1985.

ATTEST:

Beverly A. Quirk
Secretary

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