

Town of Camden

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ALARMS AND SECURITY SYSTEMS

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[History: Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Camden 6/4/2001. Amendments noted where applicable.]

Section 1 False Alarms Prohibited.

No person shall willfully make or cause to be made any false alarm by means of fire alarm, telegraph system, or by means of any public or private alarm system, or by telephone, or by word of mouth, or by any means of communication whatsoever.

Section 2 Exceptions.

This chapter shall not apply to Town, State, or Federal employees or contractors who are testing such alarms or are otherwise working with the same in their normal course of employment, provided they have contacted the Police Department or dispatch center prior to commencement of such work.

Section 3 Registration of Alarm System.

- A. A security system user shall not operate, or cause to be operated, a security system at its security system site without having system registered with the Camden Police Department. A separate security system registration is required for each security system site.
- B. The security system registration application form must be submitted to the Camden Police Department within thirty (30) days after the security system at a particular site has been activated, or within thirty (30) days after a security system takeover, or within thirty (30) days after this Ordinance has been enacted by the Camden Town Council.

- C. The security system registration application must include the following information:
(Registration Forms can be obtained at the Camden Police Dept)
1. The name and complete address of the security system site, the classification of the system as either residential or commercial.
 2. The name, address, and telephone number of the person responsible for that security system site.
 3. For each security system at the site, the classification of the security system (ie. burglary, holdup, duress, panic alarm, etc.) and if each alarm is audible or silent.
 4. Any dangerous or special conditions present at the security system site.
 5. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of at least two individuals who are able to gain access to the security system site and who has authority to deactivate the security system.
- D. A security system registration shall not be transferrable to another person or security system site. The Camden Police Department must be notified of any change that alters any of the information listed on the security system registration within five (5) days of such change.

Section 4 Fines

- A. An alarm user is permitted to have two (2) false alarms without penalty every calendar year. When there is a false alarm signal eliciting notification to and a response by, the Camden Police Department and/or the Camden Wyoming Fire Department, when a situation requiring a response does not exist, but is in fact negligently caused by the alarm user, then the alarm user shall be assessed a penalty, according to the following fee schedule:

Number of False Alarms	Amount of Fine
3	\$25.00
4	\$50.00
5	\$75.00
6	\$100.00
7 & over	\$250.00

- B. Anyone found to have violated any section of section 3 shall be subject to a penalty of \$50.00.

Section 5 Definitions

For purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectfully ascribed to them by this section:

ALARM SYSTEM – An assembly of equipment and devices arranged to signal the presence of a situation requiring urgent attention and to which police and/or fire are expected to respond.

ALARM USER – Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity or any agent, officer, or employee thereof on whose premises an alarm system is maintained with the town limits of Camden.

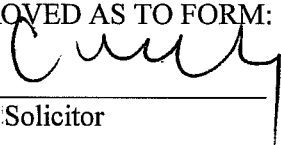
FALSE ALARM – The activation of an alarm system through negligence of the alarm user and/or alarm system causing the police and/or fire to respond. Negligence does not include alarms caused by hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, or mechanical failure; provided, however, that in the event that during the course of failures, causing a false alarm, then the third such mechanical failure within the calendar year shall constitute negligence.

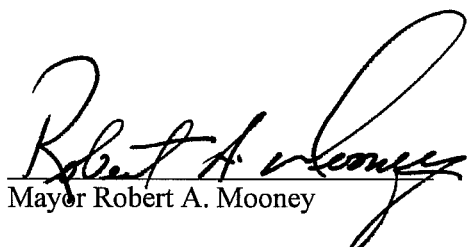
Section 6 Maintenance of Alarm System

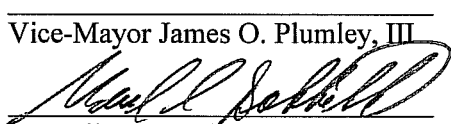
Every alarm user shall maintain its alarm system in such a manner as to minimize the number of incidents of false alarms to the police and/or fire department.

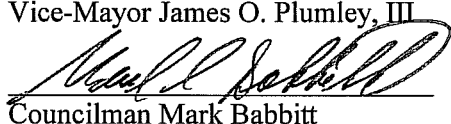
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