

CITY OF  
**LADUE**  
Police Department

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**TO:** ALARM BUSINESSES, INSTALLER, REPAIR, AND MONITORING STATIONS  
**FROM:** RICH WOOTEN - CHIEF OF POLICE  
**SUBJECT:** LADUE ALARM LICENSING APPLICATION  
**DATE:** 1/28/2013

In order to be a licensed alarm business, installer or monitoring station companies must comply with Chapter 30 of the City of Ladue Municipal Code.

Prior to a permit being issued, each company must complete the attached application and then direct it to the Chief of Police.

Additionally, in accordance with Chapter 30 sec 30-2 each business must submit information or documents listed in 30-2(a) 1 through 7.

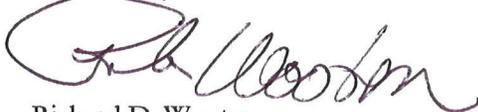
The following documents will serve as proof of compliance for section (a):

1. Business Incorporation papers from issuing state, and/or county/local business license;
2. Insurance and/or bonding certificate;
3. Current employees doing work in the City of Ladue;
4. Company policy or written statement of fact of frequency of record checks;
5. Statement of type and nature of service (s) offered in the City of Ladue;
6. Any documents or general statement to show how this information can be obtained by customers ie. (website, written request, support personnel/tech support contact information; and
7. General written statement agreeing to comply with the terms and conditions contained in the City of Ladue Alarm Ordinance.

All of the above requirement can be listed in a letter written on company letterhead and signed by an officer of the company with the attached documents.

These then may be mailed or emailed as an attachment to my attention at [rwooten@cityofladue-mo.gov](mailto:rwooten@cityofladue-mo.gov)

Thank You,



Richard D. Wooten  
Chief of Police

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE  
FOR EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM SUPPLIER

LICENSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Application is hereby made to the City of Ladue for a license to sell, lease, and/or install emergency alarm systems in the City of Ladue in accordance with the provision outlined in the City's Code of Ordinances.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Partnership? \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation? \_\_\_\_\_  
State of Incorporation \_\_\_\_\_

Names and addresses of all partners or principal officers of the corporation and their titles.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names and addresses of persons for whom installations, and/or service have been made by your company prior to September 18, 1972 (Attach additional sheet for listings).

The undersigned applicant states that the firm and its employees, which he represents are licensed and bonded in compliance with the applicable ordinances of St. Louis County.

The undersigned certifies that police record checks have been initiated on all employees in the office or offices serving the City, and that no person with a police record (other than for minor traffic offenses) found in such check will be employed on jobs within the City.

Please answer the following questions regarding the availability of repair and/or maintenance service that the applicant proposes to offer to the public.

Do you have your own 24 hour repair service? \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Night) \_\_\_\_\_

If you don't have your own service, whom does your repair work?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Where do you terminate your alarms? \_\_\_\_\_

Does an employee of your alarm company respond to each alarm?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Does your alarm company keep a record of each alarm? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your alarm company follow up on each alarm to determine the cause? \_\_\_\_\_

The applicant agrees that he will submit a statement as a part of this application of the security to be afforded by the applicant for the wiring diagrams and/or other security plans of installations made or to be made (Attach statement to this application).

The undersigned applicant hereby agrees to comply with such reasonable rules and regulations about details of installation and operation of such systems, as may be issued by the Chief of Police.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Police

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**Chapter 30 - EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEMS**

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**Sec. 30-1. - Purpose and definitions.**

- (a) *Purpose.* The purpose of this chapter is to provide minimum standards and regulations applicable to emergency alarm systems, alarm businesses, alarm agents and alarm users as defined in this chapter.
- (b) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Alarm agent* means any person employed by an alarm business whose duties include the altering, installing, maintaining, moving, repairing, replacing, selling, servicing, responding to, or causing others to respond to an alarm device. Persons in the construction business and not in the employ of an alarm business but under the control or supervision of an alarm business may be involved under contracts or subcontracts in the installation of alarm systems. Such persons are not required to obtain licenses as alarm businesses. The provisions of this definition do not include a person who engages in the manufacture or sale of an alarm system from a fixed location and who neither visits the location where the alarm system is to be installed, nor designs the scheme for physical location of the alarm system in a specific location.

*Alarm business* means any business operated by a person who engages in the activity of altering, installing, leasing, maintaining, moving, repairing, replacing, selling, servicing, or responding to an emergency alarm system, or which causes any of these activities to take place.

*Alarm system* means an assembly of equipment (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 the police or fire department is expected to respond.

*Alarm user* means any person on whose premises an alarm system is maintained within the city 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.

*Annunciator* means the instrumentation on an alarm console at the receiving terminal of a signal line that 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.

*ANSI* means the American National Standards Institute.

*Answering service* means a telephone answering 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 communications center of the city police department.

*Automatic dialing device* means 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.

*Automatic holdup alarm system* means an alarm system in which the signal transmission is initiated by the actions of the robber.

*Burglar alarm system* means an alarm system signaling an entry or attempted entry into the area protected by the system.

*Central station* means 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* means the signal receiving, recording or retransmitting equipment installed in the central station.

*Central station system* means 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* means an alarm system that has the capability of transmitting system signals to and receiving them at an agency maintained by the city.

*Direct line* means a telephone line leading directly from a central station or modified central station to the communications center of the city police department that is for use only to report emergency signals on a person-to-person basis.

*Emergency alarm system.* See *Alarm system.*

*Holdup alarm system* means an alarm system signaling a robbery or attempted robbery.

*Interconnect* means to connect an alarm system to a voice grade telephone line, either directly or through a mechanical device that utilizes a standard telephone, for the purpose of using the telephone line to transmit an emergency message upon the activation of the alarm systems.

*Local alarm system* means 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* means 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.

*Modified central station* means an office to which remote alarm and supervisory signaling devices are connected, where operators supervise the circuits. Such modified central station is not listed by Underwriters' Laboratories.

*Nonvalid alarm* means the activation of an alarm system through mechanical or electronic failure, malfunction, improper installation or the negligence of the owner or lessee of an alarm system or of his employees or agents, except that the following shall not be considered nonvalid alarms:

- (1) Alarms caused by the failure or malfunction of the monitoring equipment located in the city police department.
- (2) Alarms occurring on a repeated basis without apparent cause but where continuous decided effort, in the sole opinion of the police chief, is being made jointly by the alarm user, the alarm business used by the alarm user for installation or servicing, and any other concerned person to correct the malfunction expeditiously.
- (3) Alarms caused by an attempted illegal entry, of which there is visible evidence.
- (4) Alarms intentionally caused by a person acting under a reasonable belief that a need exists to call the police or fire department.
- (5) Alarms followed by an immediate call to the police department canceling the alarm by giving the proper code number, such call having been made prior to the arrival of the police or fire department.

In determining the existence of a nonvalid alarm, if the police chief or the fire chief finds that reasonable doubt exists as to the cause of the alarm, he may determine the alarm not to be a nonvalid alarm.

*Primary trunk line* means a telephone line leading directly into the communications center of the city police department that is for the purpose of handling emergency calls on a person-to-person basis.

*Proprietary system* means 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 communications center, a central station, a modified central station or an answering service, it thereby becomes an alarm system as defined in this section.

*Remote signaling system* means an alarm signaling system which when activated by an alarm device transmits a signal from an alarm signaling device to a central location, other than the police department, where appropriate action is taken to investigate and respond to the signal.

*Signal line* means the transmission line through which the signal passes from one of the elements of the signal transmission to another.

*Special trunk line* means a telephone line leading into the communications center of the city police department and having the primary purpose of handling emergency signals or messages originating from automatic dialing devices either directly or through a central station.

*Subscriber* means 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* means any utility that furnishes telephone services to the city.

*UL* means Underwriters' Laboratories.

(Code 1969, § 10½-1; Ord. No. 1159, § 1, 2-21-1977)

### **Sec. 30-2. - Alarm businesses.**

- (a) *Application for license.* No emergency alarm system shall be installed by other than a licensed alarm business. No alarm business shall service emergency alarms unless such business is licensed. Each alarm business wishing to do business in the city shall first apply to the police chief for a license on a form to be provided by him and shall include among other things the following:
- (1) The name, address, telephone number and type of business organization. If a partnership, the names and addresses of partners. If a corporation, the names and addresses of the principal officers and the state of incorporation, and the name and address of any person owning more than ten percent thereof.
  - (2) A statement that such firm and its employees are licensed and bonded in compliance with the applicable ordinances of the county.
  - (3) A list of the names and addresses of persons for whom installations in the city have been made by the applicant or persons served by the applicant in the city prior to the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived.
  - (4) Certification by the applicant that a complete background, including record checks, has been obtained on all employees in the office or offices serving the city, and that no person with a police record (other than for minor traffic offenses) found in such checks will be employed on jobs within the city.
  - (5) A statement of the type and availability of repair and/or maintenance service that the applicant proposes to offer to the public.
  - (6) A statement of the security to be afforded by the applicant for wiring diagrams and/or security plans of installations made or to be made.
  - (7) A statement that the applicant is willing to comply with such reasonable rules and regulations about details of installation and operation of such systems as may be issued by the police chief.
- (b) *Action on application.* On the basis of the application the police chief shall, within 60 days after receipt of the completed application, approve or disapprove such application for a license, and shall notify the applicant. Approval shall be given upon a showing of compliance with all applicable laws and ordinances. If approved, the applicant shall pay the required fee for the license. If disapproved, the notice to the applicant shall state the reasons. The applicant shall have a right of appeal by the following steps:
- (1) A meeting with the police chief; and
  - (2) If not satisfactorily concluded, then by hearing before the city council at its next regular meeting. The council's decision shall be final.
- (c) *Instruction on operation.* Each alarm business that sells or leases and installs an emergency alarm system in the city shall furnish the alarm user with written instructions as to the way in which the system operates. He shall also provide initial training in the operation of the system, and upon request from the alarm user, refresher training. Each alarm business shall also exhibit to the police chief for his review, a copy of such instructions. If the police chief finds that the instructions are incomplete, unclear or otherwise inadequate, he may require the alarm business to have the same revised to meet the police chief's approval, which approval shall be given if the instructions are complete, clear and adequate and then

promptly distributed to persons for whom installations of such alarms have already been made as well as to persons for whom installations are henceforth made.

- (d) *Repair service required.* Each alarm business that sells or leases, and installs an emergency alarm system within the city must offer service, directly or through an agent, to repair such alarm so as to correct any malfunction that may occur. At the time of the installation, each alarm business shall furnish to the alarm user written information as to how service can be obtained at any time, including the telephone number to call for service, and the alarm user shall be responsible for having the system repaired as quickly as possible after he learns of any malfunction. No alarm business shall perform any service on any alarm system in the city without first personally appearing and notifying the city police communications officer on duty of same and disconnecting said alarm system at the alarm user's end and again notifying the police communications officer of the completion of the work.
- (e) *Cancellation of license.* In addition to the penalties for violation of any provision of this chapter, the city may, after notice and hearing, cancel the license of an alarm business on any of the following grounds:
- (1) Fraud, misrepresentation or false statement contained in any application for such license.
  - (2) Fraud, misrepresentation or false statement in the conduct of the business authorized by such license.
  - (3) Failure to correct any deficiencies in equipment or operation after receipt of due notice from the city.
  - (4) Violation of any provision of this chapter.
  - (5) When any owner, officer, director, principal employee or any other person who has full or partial control of the operation of the business is convicted of a felony of any kind or a misdemeanor for which a jail sentence is imposed.

Such license shall not be cancelled until a hearing shall have been held by the police chief and his recommendations regarding cancellations acted upon by the board of fire and police commissioners. Written notice of such hearing shall be served upon the holder of such license at least ten days before the date of the hearing. The notice shall also contain a brief statement of the grounds alleged as the basis for cancellation of the license. The licensee shall have the right to appeal to the city council as outlined in subsection (b) of this section.

- (f) *Central stations; modified central stations; answering services.* No one shall operate a central station, modified central station or answering service in the city, serving any user in the city, unless licensed as an alarm business. In addition to any other requirements imposed by this chapter, central stations, modified central stations and answering services shall meet the following minimum requirements:
- (1) *Central station standards.* Central stations shall be in compliance with "Standards for Central Station Burglar Alarm Units and Systems" (UL 611—1972) issued by Underwriters' Laboratories or American National Standards Institute (ANSI SE2.2—1972). Such standards are hereby adopted and made a part of this chapter, and a copy of such standards shall be kept on file at the city hall and be available for public inspection. The service provided may correspond to any of the several grades of service listed in the standards, but the owner, alarm agent or other person in responsible control of the premises wherein such alarm system is located must be present at such premises as soon as is reasonably possible after being requested to do so by a representative of the city police department.
  - (2) *Modified central station standards.*
    - a.

The premises from which the services are performed shall meet any applicable fire regulations.

- b. The premises from which the services are performed shall be secure in a manner approved by the police chief to prevent entry by unauthorized persons.
  - c. A large enough number of operators shall be on duty at all times to ensure that all emergency messages received will be relayed immediately to the police department.
  - d. As soon as possible after notifying the police department, the operator concerned shall notify the subscriber involved of such action and the nature of the emergency message received.
  - e. The modified central station shall certify that all equipment supervised by the modified central station shall be tested at least once a year. Where a test result is unsatisfactory the cause thereof shall be corrected within 24 hours unless circumstances exist that make such corrections impossible within such time, in which event the cause shall be corrected within a reasonable time.
- (3) *Answering service standards.*
- a. The premises from which the services are performed shall meet any applicable fire regulations.
  - b. The premises from which the services are performed shall be secured in a manner approved by the police chief to prevent entry by unauthorized persons. Such approval shall be given if measures are taken that are reasonable under the circumstances.
  - c. A large enough number of operators shall be on duty at all times to ensure that all emergency messages received will be relayed immediately to the police department.
  - d. Emergency messages from automatic alarm devices shall be given priority over all other messages received by the answering service.
  - e. All operators shall be trained to handle emergency messages.
  - f. As soon as possible after notifying the police department, the operator concerned shall notify the subscriber involved of such action and the nature of the emergency message received.
  - g. All subscribers of an answering service shall be required by the service to cooperate in a test of its alarm devices at least once a year to determine if the device is working properly. The answering service shall certify that the test requirements have been fulfilled. Unsatisfactory test results shall be promptly reported, in writing, to the subscriber and the police department. Until the device in question is again working properly, the police department may require that its use be discontinued.

(Code 1969, § 10½-2; Ord. No. 1159, § 1, 2-21-1977; Ord. No. 1352, § 1, 9-17-1984)

### **Sec. 30-3. - Signaling devices and automatic dialing devices.**

- (a) *Police department terminals.* All businesses and residences shall be permitted to have their alarm systems terminate directly into the city police department providing:
  - (1) Their alarm systems meet such standards for connection as are set forth by the police chief with the approval of the city council.
  - (2) All fees as set forth by the city are paid.
  - (3)

The alarm user contracts with and pays all fees due to the alarm business providing the annunciator equipment (monitoring equipment) at the city police department.

- (b) *Restrictions on automatic dialing devices.* All automatic dialing devices shall be installed on a separate telephone line unless such device incorporates equipment capable of seizing the telephone line and a method to abort a nonvalid alarm. No such device shall be keyed to a primary trunk line of the city police department. All automatic dialing devices keyed to a primary trunk line shall be changed either to a direct connect into the police department or shall terminate at some location other than the city police department.

(Code 1969, § 10½-3; Ord. No. 1159, § 1, 2-21-1977)

#### **Sec. 30-4. - Time limit on exterior sound-producing devices.**

All emergency alarm systems equipped with any exterior sound-producing device including, but not limited to, gongs, buzzers, sirens, bells or horns shall be equipped with a time device which limits the operation of such exterior sound-producing device to 15 minutes, except that commercial installations shall be allowed 30 minutes.

(Code 1969, § 10½-4; Ord. No. 1159, § 1, 2-21-1977)

#### **Sec. 30-5. - Emergency alarm installations.**

- (a) *Permit required.* Any person who desires to install or continue the use of an emergency alarm system shall first apply for and obtain a permit from the police chief on a form to be provided by him. Such a permit shall be issued upon a showing that there will be compliance with applicable laws and ordinances. Each application shall be signed by the applicant and shall include, among other things, the following:
- (1) The name, address and telephone number of the alarm user.
  - (2) The name of the alarm business that will install the system.
  - (3) The name of the alarm business that the user will contact for repair service.
  - (4) The name and address of the agency to which the alarm system will be connected for monitoring.
  - (5) The name, address and telephone number of at least one other person with access to the premises protected by the system.

The above permit shall be good for the calendar year in which issued and shall be renewed each calendar year thereafter. No alarm user permit shall be renewed unless all fees and service charges set forth by the city have been paid. No response shall be made to any alarm system by the police or fire departments unless a permit for such system is in effect.

- (b) *Standards and inspections.* The following is required:
- (1) All alarm systems installed in commercial or public buildings shall utilize equipment and methods of installation substantially equivalent to or exceeding the following minimum applicable UL or ANSI standards: UL 609 (ANSI SE2.1—1972) "Local Burglar Alarm Units and Systems"; UL 636 (ANSI SE2.7—1973) "Hold-Up Alarm Units and Systems"; UL 681 (ANSI SE2.3—1972) "Installation and Classification of Mercantile and Bank Burglar Alarm Systems."
  - (2) All alarm systems installed in residences shall utilize equipment which shall be substantially equivalent to or exceed the minimum applicable UL Standard 1023 (ANSI SE2.4—1972) "Household Burglar Alarm System Units," and such equipment shall be installed in a safe, reliable and professional manner.
  - (3)

The equipment or hardware used and/or the manner of installation of the alarm system may correspond to any of the several levels of protection or grades of service listed in the applicable standards; provided, however, that alarm system users shall not be required to provide protection for all of the areas or openings which may be required to be protected by the applicable standards.

- (4) The standards referred to in this section are hereby adopted as part of this chapter subject to the modifications and qualifications set forth herein and a copy of such standards shall be kept on file at the city hall and be available for public inspection.
- (5) In those instances where UL and/or ANSI have not established standards for categories of equipment or where new equipment is undergoing field-testing, the police chief may require that the alarm system be inspected at the expense of the alarm user by a professional electrical engineer who shall certify whether the alarm system appears to be safe and reliable.
- (6) Alarm systems that input into an automatic dialing device are also subject to the provisions of this section.
- (7) In addition to the requirements set forth by the listed UL or ANSI standards, the following additional requirements shall be met:
  - a. All systems must have a standby power supply for both the control panel and the phone lines. This secondary source of power shall be so installed that if the main source of power fails the system will not cause a nonvalid alarm. All standby power supplies shall be of the rechargeable type and shall be capable of operating the system for a minimum of four hours. All new installations shall have rechargeable power supplies installed at the time of the initial installation of the system. All existing alarm systems in the city shall have rechargeable standby power supplies installed within six months of the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived.
  - b. New systems shall be installed in such a manner that the protective circuits will indicate whether they are secure prior to being turned on.
  - c. No device on an alarm system terminating at the city police department shall be installed in such a manner that it merely opens or closes the telephone circuit, thereby indicating line trouble on the annunciator equipment at the police department.
  - d. Voltage on systems terminating at the city police department shall be a minimum of six volts DC with a maximum of 20 volts DC. The voltage reading shall be that received at the police department rather than at the alarm user end of the circuit.
  - e. Current requirements for alarm systems terminating at the city police department shall be a minimum of five milliamperes and a maximum of 15 milliamperes of current. Current readings shall be made in series with all normal load on the circuit, which includes the annunciator equipment.
  - f. All sensory mechanisms used in conjunction with such alarms must be adjusted to the degree reasonably possible to suppress nonvalid indications of fire or intrusion, so that alarms will not be actuated by natural phenomena including, but not limited to, transient pressure changes in water pipes, short flashes of light, wind noises or exterior pressure change, such as rattling or vibration of windows or sonic booms, and vehicular noise adjacent to the installation.
  - g.

The alarm user shall be responsible for maintaining the system in good repair to ensure reliability of operation.

- h. The alarm user shall also be responsible for seeing that the system is not misused.
- i. After three nonvalid alarms without any intervening inspection as required under section 30-6, the police chief may require an inspection of the system by a licensed alarm company and the permit shall be revoked if the system fails to meet the requirements of this chapter and is not brought into compliance with this chapter.
- j. New installations shall be inspected by the county electrical inspector's office and the permit number of such inspection shall be furnished to the city prior to any response being made to such system by the police or fire department.

(Code 1969, § 10½-5; Ord. No. 1159, § 1, 2-2-1977; Ord. No. 1237, § 1, 5-8-1980; Ord. No. 1353, § 1, 9-17-1984)

### **Sec. 30-6. - Enforcement of chapter.**

- (a) For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this chapter, the police chief and or the fire chief shall have the authority, at reasonable times and upon reasonable oral notice, to enter any premises in the city in or upon which alarm systems or alarm businesses subject to this chapter are located, to inspect the installation and or operation of such alarm systems or alarm business on official business.
- (b) Any alarm user may request written notice of inspection and any alarm user may at his option and his expense have such inspection made by a licensed electrical contractor acceptable to him and to the city instead of the inspection by the police chief or fire chief.
- (c) If such inspection reveals any violations of the provisions of this chapter, a written report detailing such violation shall be promptly sent to the city clerk and to the owner, lessee, or other person responsible for the alarm system or business in violation of this chapter. Such report shall require the correction within 30 days after receipt of the notice of the violation discovered, and shall state that a failure to comply may result in the revocation of the alarm business' license to operate, or in the revocation of the alarm user's permit, in accordance with provisions of this chapter relating to revocation of licenses and permits. The alarm user or alarm business shall be granted a reasonable extension of time to correct such violation upon good cause shown.

(Code 1969, § 10½-6; Ord. No. 1159, § 1, 2-21-1977)

### **Sec. 30-7. - Service charges and alarm permit revocation.**

- (a) *Reserved.*
- (b) *Alarm permit revocation.* If more than four nonvalid alarms are responded to in the same month, or more than six in the same year, the alarm user of such system shall have his alarm permit revoked after ten days' written notice has been given.
- (c) *Service charges; alarm businesses.* If any alarm business shall fail to check in with the city police department before servicing any system, or shall fail to disconnect such system so that it is no longer in service during the period when it is being worked on, such alarm business shall pay to the city service charges in the amount and on the basis set forth in this section.
- (d) *Failure to pay.* Failure to pay the fee or service charge to the city within a period of 30 days shall be considered a violation of this chapter.

(Code 1969, § 10½-7; Ord. No. 1159, § 1, 2-21-1977; Ord. No. 1831, § 1, 10-20-2003; Ord. No. 1980, § 1, 10-26-2009)

### **Sec. 30-8. - Fees.**

- (a) *Alarm businesses.* The fee for a license for an alarm business shall be \$75.00 for the first calendar year or part thereof. The annual renewal fee shall be \$75.00.
- (b) *Local alarm systems.* Local alarm system users shall pay an annual fee of \$15.00.
- (c) *Other alarm systems.* All users of alarm systems other than local alarm systems shall pay annual fee of \$75.00.
- (d) *Date of assessment.* On initial installation of any system, the annual fee shall be due and payable and apply for the current year if the permit is issued prior to August 1. If the permit is issued on or after such date, the annual fee shall be then due payable, but shall apply both to the current year and the next calendar year. All renewal fees shall be due and payable on January 2 of each year.

(Code 1969, § 10½-8; Ord. No. 1159, § 1, 2-21-1977; Ord. No. 1237, § 2, 5-8-1980; Ord. No. 1313, § 1, 12-6-1982; Ord. No. 1831, §§ 2, 3, 10-20-2003; Ord. No. 1980, §§ 2, 3, 10-26-2009)

### **Sec. 30-9. - Nonliability of city.**

The city shall not be liable for any defects in the operation of automatic dialing devices or signal line systems, for any failure or neglect to respond appropriately upon receipt of an alarm from any such source, nor for the failure or neglect of any person with a license issued pursuant to this chapter. In the event that the city finds it necessary to disconnect an emergency alarm system, the city shall incur no liability by such action.

(Code 1969, § 10½-9; Ord. No. 1159, § 1, 2-21-1977)