

Glen Arbor Township

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OPERATING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALARM SYSTEMS AND DEVICES ORDINANCE NO. 2 – 98

An Ordinance requiring regulations, fees, fines and service charges that will encourage alarm devices to be appropriately designed, installed, maintained and utilized so that the burden imposed upon the general public and emergency responders by false alarms will be reduced and public safety enhanced.

THE TOWNSHIP OF GLEN ARBOR ORDAINS:

Section 1: Operating requirements for Alarm Systems and Devices

A. Definitions

ALARM SYSTEM means any assembly of equipment and devices, or a single device, except for an alarm system on a motor vehicle, **or a personal health alarm system such as "Life Line"** that emits, transmits or relays any signal intended to summon, or that would reasonably be expected to summon, emergency services of the Township.

EMERGENCY means a hazard, condition or situation calling for immediate action or urgent attention and to which Township safety personnel and qualified volunteers are customarily expected to respond on an immediate or high priority basis.

ALARM USER includes the owner of the land or premises within which an alarm system is installed; the tenant, occupant of person having possession or control of any premises in which an alarm system is installed; and any person having actual or constructive possession of an alarm system, when such alarm system signals an emergency.

FALSE ALARM means a signal given by an alarm system when no emergency is found by public safety personnel responding to the alarm.

B. Installation Permits

Each person within the Township who wishes to install an alarm system in their home, place of business or other premises, subsequent to the enactment of this Ordinance, which is connected to an alarm company's receiving agency or which automatically dials the Sheriff's office, or which produces an audible signal at the premises, other than a single station smoke detector, shall obtain an Installation Permit for each separate alarm system he/she wishes to connect. Each alarm system user with an alarm system installed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance shall have until June 30, 1999 to obtain a valid permit.

Applications for Installation Permits for each separate alarm system shall be filed with the Glen Arbor Township Fire Department on forms supplied, along with a permit fee of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars prior to activation of any system.

A one hundred (\$100.00) dollar fine will be charged to an alarm system user for each emergency response to an alarm system which is not in compliance with this Ordinance.

Permits shall be kept on file at the Fire Station. It will be the alarm system user's responsibility to promptly inform the Chief of the Glen Arbor Fire Department of any changes in their system(s) or related information supplied on the permit form.

C. False Alarm Service Charges

Charge: A charge, as indicated by the table below, shall be made to the user of automatic fire alarm facilities installed or maintained by others, which initiates a response by the Glen Arbor Fire Department for a false alarm being given or transmitted by these facilities to the Department.

The false alarm fee schedule as referenced above shall be:

Single Family Residence

1 st	False Alarm	No Charge
2 nd	False Alarm	\$50.00
3 rd	False Alarm	\$75.00
4 th	False Alarm	\$75.00
5 th	False Alarm	\$100.00
6 th	False Alarm	\$150.00
7 th	False Alarm	\$300.00
8 th or more	False Alarm	\$500.00

Multiple Occupancies/Commercial

1 st	False Alarm	No Charge
2 nd	False Alarm	\$200.00
3 rd	False Alarm	\$300.00
4 th	False Alarm	\$400.00
5 th	False Alarm	\$400.00
6 th	False Alarm	\$500.00
7 th	False Alarm	\$800.00
8 th or more	False Alarm	\$1000.00

D. Time Period

The above charges shall be for each false alarm transmitted and responded to by the Glen Arbor Fire Department, whether caused by malfunctioning or intentionally or negligently misused or abused facilities or equipment, and which results in fire suppression and/or rescue apparatus and equipment being unnecessarily called to the property in response thereto. All charges shall be paid within thirty (30) days of mailing or delivery of an invoice from the Glen Arbor Township Fire Department.

The township board may periodically adjust the schedules of fees. The fees shall be reasonably based upon the township's direct and indirect costs of responding to false alarms, administering the system of recording and classifying alarms, and collecting and accounting for the user fees charged.

E. Collection of Charges

In the event of any of the above fees, fines or service charges are not paid by the person owing the same within 30 days after the date of billing, the Supervisor may direct the Township Attorney to commence action for the collection of the same in a court having jurisdiction.

Section 2: Effect and Interpretation of Ordinance

All ordinances and resolutions, and parts thereof, which conflict with any of the terms of this Ordinance are hereby rescinded. In the case of conflict between this Ordinance and any such ordinances or resolutions, this Ordinance shall control. The catch line headings which precede each section of this Ordinance are for convenience in reference only and shall not be taken into consideration in the construction or interpretation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 3: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take immediate effect 30 days after publication in accordance with MCLA 41.184.

During the Regular Meeting of the Glen Arbor Township Board, held on December 15, 1998, a motion was made by Quick seconded by Davis that the Ordinance be adopted.

Action:

Ayes: Quick, Davis, Hawley, Bulliss and Whitfield

Nays: None

Absent: None

Supervisor Whitfield declared the motion carried and the Ordinance duly adopted.

State of Michigan)
Leelanau County)

I, Bonnie Quick, Clerk of the Township of Glen Arbor do hereby certify that the foregoing was duly adopted at a Regular meeting of the Glen Arbor Township Board held on Tuesday, December 15, 1998 as on file in the records of this office.

Bonnie Quick
Glen Arbor Township Clerk

Glen Arbor Township Ordinance # 2-98
Amendment # 1
12/21/99

Amendment to False Alarm Systems and Devices Ordinance # 2-98 –In Section 1: A. Definitions, ALARM SYSTEM, after “motor vehicle”, add “or a personal health alarm system such as “Life Line”. Motion by Hawley, support by Kelly to amend the Ordinance as recommended by the Emergency Services Advisory Commission. Motion carries