

## ARTICLE IV. TELEPHONIC ALARM SYSTEMS

### Sec. 13-50. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them:

*False alarm:* The transmission of any telephonic message which indicates the need for police department or fire department assistance, and being responded to by either of the respective departments and the responding department finds no evidence of fire or crime.

*Telephonic alarm system:* Any mechanism, equipment or device which is designed to operate automatically through the use of public telephone facilities to transmit a signal, message or warning to another location.

(Ord. No. 638, § 1, 2-20-89)

### Sec. 13-51. Permit--Required.

No person shall operate or maintain a telephonic alarm system which automatically transmits a signal, message or warning to any city police department or fire department telephone line, without first obtaining a permit as required by this article.

(Ord. No. 638, § 2, 2-20-89)

### Sec. 13-52. Same--Application.

(a) Applications for permits to install, maintain or operate a telephonic alarm system which is intended to automatically transmit a signal, message or warning to any city police department or fire department telephone line shall be filed with the chief of the concerned department on forms supplied by the city. Such application shall set forth the name, address and telephone number of both the installer of the system and the person or business on whose premises the system will be installed, as well as the description and the location where it is proposed to be installed.

(b) The chief of the concerned department shall approve such application if such officer finds:

(1) The use of such alarm system to transmit a signal, message or warning to a designated city police department or fire department telephone line will not interfere with the orderly conduct of city business.

(2) The person installing the system maintains an adequate service organization to repair, maintain, and otherwise service telephonic alarm systems sold or leased by such entity.

(c) The police chief or fire chief may impose reasonable conditions on the exercise of the permit.

(Ord. No. 638, § 3, 2-20-89)

### Sec. 13-53. Same--Revocation.

The chief of the concerned department may revoke any permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this section, after giving written notice to the permit holder and an opportunity for the permit holder to

be heard, if such holder determines that the telephonic alarm system installed pursuant to the permit has been installed, maintained or operated in violation of the provisions of this article or any terms or conditions of the permit.

(Ord. No. 638, § 8, 2-20-89)

### **Sec. 13-54. Right of inspection.**

The chief of the concerned department, either police or fire, shall have the right to inspect any telephonic alarm system on the premises where it is intended to function prior to the issuance of any permit for its operation and may cause an inspection of such system to be made at any time after the issuance of a permit to determine whether it is being used in conformity with the terms of the permit and the provisions of this article.

(Ord. No. 638, § 4, 2-20-89)

### **Sec. 13-55. Restricted number of alarms.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to install, operate or maintain a telephonic alarm system which automatically transmits a signal, message or warning to any city police department or fire department telephone line, except to such number as designated by the permit issued under the provisions of this article.

(Ord. No. 638, § 5, 2-20-89)

### **Sec. 13-56. Violations.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to make, turn in or cause a false alarm of fire or of need for police or aid or abet in the commission of such act.

(b) The receipt of two (2) or more false alarms by the police department or fire department within any calendar month from any "telephonic alarm system" operated by any person shall be deemed to be an offense against the city. Each false alarm receipt in excess of two (2) in each calendar month shall be deemed a separate offense.

(c) Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall on conviction be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each separate offense.

(Ord. No. 638, §§ 6, 7, 2-20-89)

Secs. 13-57--13-70. Reserved.