ORDINANCE 82-65

TO AMEND CHAPTER 14.36 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD SECTION 14.36.020 ENTITLED "AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE DEVICES PROHIBITED"

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION I. Chapter 14.36 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, Entitled "Unlawful Conduct", shall be amended to add the following:

14.36.020 Automatic telephone dialing devices prohibited. It is unlawful for any person to use or permit the use of any automatic telephone dialing device or attachment connected to an alarm system which automatically selects any telephone line leading into the communication center of the Bloomington Police Department and then transmits any prerecorded message or signal indicating the activation of the alarm system. Any person, firm, or corporation who violates the provisions of the section shall be subject to a fine of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00). Each day the violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION II. Any person who operates or uses an automatic telephone device at the time this ordinance becomes effective shall have sixty (60) days to comply with the requirements of this section.

SECTION III. Severability. If any section of this ordinance or any part of any section shall be declared invalid or unconstituional such declaration shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

SECTION IV. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 6 day of October, 1982.

Patrick J. Murphy
PATRICK J. MURPHY, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams
PATRICIA WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 8 day of October, 1982.

Patricia Williams
PATRICIAL WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 8th day of October, 1982.

Francis X. McCloskey
FRANCIS X. McCloskey, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance, submitted by the Bloomington police department, prohibits the use of automatic telephone dialing devices which automatically dial the police 911 emergency number and tie up direct access into 911, intended for special emergency calls. Alternative methods of alarm notification are available.