

ORDINANCE 76-43

To Charge Fees for False Alarms and for Alarm Systems that Terminate in the Police Department

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

SECTION I. Definitions: As used in this ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given them by this section:

"Alarm Business" shall mean any person, firm, corporation, or other entity in the business of selling, leasing, maintaining, servicing, repairing, altering, replacing, moving, or installing any alarm system or causing to be sold, maintained, serviced, repaired, altered, replaced, moved, or installed an alarm system in or on any building, place or premises.

"Alarm System" shall mean any device designed for the detection of an unauthorized entry or fire on premises, or for alerting others of the commission of an unlawful act or the occurrence of a fire, or both and emits a sound or transmits a signal or message when actuated.

"Alarm User" shall mean any person, firm, corporation, or other entity using the services of an alarm system. Each separate address using the services of an alarm system shall be considered a separate alarm user.

"Excessive Alarms" shall mean ten [10] or more alarms signaled by any alarm system within any period of six [6] calendar months.

"False Alarm" shall mean any signal by an alarm system to which the police or fire departments respond when an emergency situation does not exist.

"Person" shall mean any individual, partnership, corporation, or other entity.

SECTION II. Fees for False Alarms. A fee of ten dollars [\$10.00] shall be paid to the City of Bloomington for each false alarm more than three [3] within any six [6] calendar months to which the police or fire department responds. Such fees shall be a joint and several liability of the alarm user and the alarm business.

SECTION III. Connection of Alarm Systems to the Police Department's Alarm Terminal Board - Approval Required - Process - Effect of Inaction. Every alarm system that terminates into the police department's alarm terminal board must first be approved by the Board of Public Safety.

The Board of Public Safety may approve an alarm system to connect to the police department's terminal board if it determines that the system will be compatible with the police department's equipment, that it will be adequately maintained, that there will not be an excessive number of false alarms originating from it, and that the police department alarm terminal board can accommodate another alarm system.

The Board of Public Safety must act upon the application within fifty [50] days from the submission of it. If no approval is given within that time, the request for approval shall be considered denied.

SECTION IV. Connection of Alarm System to the Police Department's Alarm Terminal Board. The physical location of equipment, cable routing and termination points of the systems to be connected are to be designated by the Police Communications Department. Alarm modules to be used on the termination board are subject to the approval of the Police Communications Department. A disconnect switch shall be installed on all audible alarms in the rear of the terminal board. Any disorder caused by the installation of the alarm system must be cleaned up by the party installing the system. All cables and terminal blocks attached to the walls and run through the floor shall become the property of the city if the alarm system of which they are a part are discontinued for any reason.

SECTION V. Revocation of Approval to Connect to the Police Department's Alarm Terminal Board. The Board of Public Safety may revoke its approval to connect to the police department's alarm terminal board if fees are not paid within sixth [60] days, if the alarm system is not compatible with the police department's equipment, if the alarm system is not adequately maintained, if the alarm system is causing excessive false alarms, or if the alarm system is not connected in compliance with section four of this ordinance.

SECTION VI. Fees for Connection to the Police Department's Alarm Terminal Board. The fee for the initial connection to the police department's alarm terminal board shall be seventy-five dollars [\$75.00] per alarm system. A fee of ten dollars [\$10.00] shall be paid each month or part thereof that the alarm system is connected to the police department's alarm terminal board. Such fees shall be a joint and several liability of the alarm user and the alarm business.

The fee for initial connection to the police department's alarm terminal board shall not be charged for those alarm systems that are connected at the time of the enactment of this ordinance.

SECTION VII. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and promulgation 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 the day of , 1976.

Clem J. Blume, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Karel Dolnick, City Clerk

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon the day of , 1976.

Karel Dolnick, City Clerk

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon the day of , 1976, at the hour of o'clock, .m.

Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

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Systems that Terminate in the Police Department

This ordinance charges fees for false alarms that originate from alarm systems; it does not assess those fees for citizens who call in police or fire alarms. The fees for false alarms that originate from alarm systems is ten dollars each for every false alarm more than three within a six month period.

This ordinance also sets up requirements and fees for alarm systems that terminate directly into the police department's alarm terminal board, and in so doing follows the practice of many Indiana cities. It requires Board of Public Safety approval for connection to the terminal board, in addition to payment of a \$75 fee for the initial connection and a monthly charge of ten dollars.

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BE INTRODUCED AND READ AT FIRST READING AT THE COUNCIL

MEETING ON September 2, 1976

Held over 9/16/76

Table 6-2

*Nays: DeSt Croix
Kinzer*

Absent: Young

(Signature)

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