

PRIVATE EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEMS

This is a synopsis of the amendment to Chapter 4, Article 3, Sections 4-72, 4-74, 4-75, 4-76 and 4-79 of the Carmel City Code. The complete ordinance is available upon request.

ALARM is defined as an audible or mechanical or electrical signal from a detection system which indicates a disturbance of the detection system or some other activity that requires urgent attention.

The definition of ALARM shall not include:

- ❖ Motor Vehicle Alarms
- ❖ Smoke Detector not connected to an automatic dialing device
- ❖ Outside ringer which resets itself automatically after 15 minutes, however, if emergency personnel are routinely dispatched to an active alarm, a permit shall be required.

Any person who violates this section shall be subject to a \$50.00 fine unless a permit is obtained within 10 days.

An alarm permit application shall be made within 5 days following installation of an alarm and prior to its operation.

Any activation occurring within 30 days after installation of a new alarm system shall be exempt.

A permit holder, or his/her successor in interest, shall promptly notify the Carmel Clay Communications Center, in writing, of any change in the information contained in the permit application within 30 days of change. An alarm system permit may be transferred by the permit holder to a subsequent owner or entity in possession or control of the specific property or location for which the permit was originally issued, but is not transferable between properties or locations.

The permit shall be displayed in a conspicuous manner which is visible to emergency response personnel. Any person violating this Section shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00.

False alarm civil penalties:

* 3 rd False Alarm in a calendar year	\$25.00
* 4th False Alarm in a calendar year	\$50.00
* 5th False Alarm in a calendar year	\$100.00
* 6th and subsequent False Alarms in a calendar year	\$250.00

In addition to the civil penalty for a fifth or subsequent False Alarm within a calendar year, an alarm system permit may be subject to suspension or revocation pursuant to conditions and procedures established in Section 4-75(c) of this Article once the alarm system has had five (5) False Alarms within a calendar year.

It shall be unlawful to use any automatic telephone device or attachment which automatically dials the Carmel Clay Communications Center, without prior approval by the Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety.

A violation of this section shall be subject to civil penalties not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

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