

TOWN OF SHELBURNE SECURITY ALARM ORDINANCE

Section 1. Purpose

Recent years have witnessed increase in the use of security alarm systems within business and residences in the Town of Shelburne. When appropriate systems are properly installed and maintained, and their presence is made known to appropriate officials, they provide valuable assistance to local law enforcement and emergency service personnel in the performance of their duties and deter criminal activity in the community. The installation of such systems and their frequent activation for other than their intended purpose significantly interferes with the efficient provision of law enforcement and emergency services in the community and for this reason jeopardizes the public health, safety and welfare. It is the express purpose of this ordinance to insure that all security alarm systems installed in the Town of Shelburne are disclosed to appropriate officials and are properly maintained and used so that such systems will promote the public health, safety and welfare.

Section 2. Definitions

- (a) Security Alarm System - a device designed for the detection of an unauthorized entry on premises or for the detection of smoke or fire on premises, which, when activated, transmits an electronic signal directly to the Shelburne Police Department or transmits an electronic signal to a dispatching center which notifies the Shelburne Police Department by means of telephone transmission. Normal household smoke detectors and alarm systems contained within automobiles and other motorized vehicles shall not be considered security alarm systems for purposes of this ordinance.
- (b) False Alarm - the activation of any security alarm system for other than its intended purpose including activation when there is no unauthorized entry on premise or there is no situation involving smoke or fire on premise.

Section 3.

- (a) No person shall install a security alarm system, as defined herein, in any property in the Town of Shelburne until the property owner of such property has obtained a permit from the Shelburne Police Department.

The Board of Selectment shall, by resolution, approve a permit application form. A permit application form, when completed and signed by an applicant, will not be a public record and will not be released by the Police Department to any third party without appropriate authority.
- (b) Permits issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be valid from date of issuance through January 31st of each year.
- (c) The Board of Selectmen shall by resolution establish reasonable fees for the issuance of said permits.

Section 4.

The Board of Selectmen may, by resolution, establish rules and regulations regarding the Town's responsibility to monitor or respond to security alarm systems and the payment of fees for the Town's response to false alarms.

Section 5.

- (a) Any decision of the Chief of Police under this ordinance shall be reviewable, upon written request, by the Town Manager who shall notify the individual requesting review of his decision within 30 days of the date of request.
- (b) Any decision of the Town Manager under this ordinance shall be reviewable by the Board of Selectmen, upon written request. The Board of Selectmen shall respond to any such request for review within 60 days of the date of its receipt of said request.

Section 6.

The Town's approval and issuance of any permit under this ordinance shall not constitute a representation or affirmative commitment by the Town that it will be better able to respond to emergency situations on the premises of any property owner. Nor does any such permit issuance constitute a representation by the Town that the security alarm systems selected and installed by the property owner are suitable or appropriate for the intended purpose.

Section 7. Penalties

- (a) Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance may be subject to a fine of up to \$500. Each week that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- (b) In addition to recovery of fines provided for above, the Town may seek to enforce this ordinance by an appropriate action for injunctive relief.

Adopted this 14 day of February, 1989.

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SECURITY ALARM ORDINANCE PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

I.	Initial Connection Fee	-	\$80.00 (with no additional basic fee for 1st year)
II.	Annual Permit Fee		
	A. Commercial	-	\$60.00
	B. Residential	-	\$40.00

Approved by resolution of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Shelburne this 27th day of September, 1994.

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