

NEW REVISIONS MUNICIPAL CODE 5.08

Effective July 1, 2007

South Jordan City Council adopted an alarm user ordinance that has been in effect since July 1, 2003. A revision of the police and fire alarm ordinance that helps minimize the number of costly false alarms due to system malfunctions, accidental alarm trips, etc. became effective July 1, 2007. The ordinance will assist South Jordan alarm users by providing guidelines that will minimize excess spending of tax dollars and reduce the loss of life and property.

This pamphlet will cover the following topics: Alarm Systems, Alarm Businesses, Alarm Users, Regulations, Responsibilities of Users and Installers and False Alarm Fees.

The permit fee is \$12.00 per user. Permits can be obtained at South Jordan City Hall 1600 W. Towne Center Drive or online at www.sjc.utah.gov.



Alarm Businesses:

This is any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or organization of any kind, engaged in the business of installing, planning the installation, assisting in planning, servicing, selling, leasing, maintaining, monitoring, repairing, altering, replacing, removing, or moving of any alarm system within the City.

Alarm User:

This is any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or resident where in an alarm system is maintained.

Alarm System:

This is any mechanism, equipment, or device which is designed to detect any unauthorized entry or any fire, emergency medical, or robbery in any building or on any property.

Exceptions:

- ◆ Devices that do not register alarms that are audible, visible, or perceptible outside the protected premises.
- ◆ Devices that are not installed, operated or used for the purpose of reporting an emergency to emergency personnel.
- ◆ Alarm devices installed on a temporary basis by the Police or Fire Department.
- ◆ Alarm devices installed for personal notification in single-family dwellings by the homeowner (i.e., smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors).

REGULATIONS

- ◆ Every alarm business and its employees shall register their name, address and driver license number or I.D. card number with the City of South Jordan, and must have a business license within the City.
- ◆ Alarm users shall have a permit that is issued by the City to have an alarm system installed. There is **\$12.00 charge** for this permit.
- ◆ An **Alarm Information Card** will be completed and submitted to the City by the user of an alarm prior to the activation of the system.
- ◆ The alarm information card shall have the following information:
 - 1 *Full name, address, and telephone number of both the owner or lessee on whose premises the system will be installed, operated, connected or maintained.*
 - 2 *Name of the person or licensed alarm business installing, maintaining or servicing the system as well as the type of system to be installed, operated, or maintained.*
 - 3 *The card shall have at least three (3) people who may be contacted by the alarm monitoring unit to respond to and secure the premises. They shall have knowledge of the basic operation of the alarm system.*

Alarm User/Installer Responsibilities:

Persons listed on the alarm information card shall be able to respond to the scene within thirty (30) minutes from the time the alarm monitoring unit notifies the person(s). In the event the personnel listed on the alarm identification card fail to respond, A **\$54.00** fee will be assessed in accordance with the Fee Schedule adopted by the City of South Jordan. It is the responsibility of the User to notify the Police and Fire Department of any changes in personnel listed on the alarm identification card in writing within five (5) business days.

User Instructions:

The alarm business shall provide the user with written instructions on the operation of the alarm system and how to obtain an alarm user permit within five (5) business days of the sale.

False Alarms:

The following notification will be given on false alarms to the alarm user (within each registration year):

- ◆ 1st False Alarm —\$22.00
- ◆ 2nd False Alarm—\$32.00
- ◆ 3rd False Alarm —\$54.00
- ◆ \$54.00 per false alarm over 3 in a 12 month period
- ◆ Late fees shall be subject to \$11.00 (minimum of 18% Annual Interest Rate)

PENALTIES

Person(s) transmitting a false alarm shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine in an amount not exceeding \$1,850 or imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months, or both.



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