ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO INSTALLATION & USE OF ALARM SYSTEMS.

SECTION 001.

Alarm System means any assembly of equipment and devices arranged to signal the presence of a hazard requiring the urgent attention and to which public safety personnel and equipment are expected to respond.

SECTION 002.

All alarms installed in the Town of Fremont shall conform to the standards set forth in the following publications:

- A. Revised Statutes Annotated 323-A as amended;
- B. N.F.P.A. 101 (Life Safety Code);
- C. N.F.P.A. 72, 73 (Fire Alarm Systems);
- D. The Fire Prevention Code (AlA);
- E. Town of Fremont Police and Fire Department rules and regulations governing alarm systems installations.

SECTION 003.

Direct Dial Alarm Systems (which automatically seize a public safety telephone line) shall not be installed within the Town of Fremont. See Section 008. for penalties.

SECTION 004.

Contract external audible alarm devices shall have an automatic cut-off of no more than ten (10) minutes. See Section 008. for penalties.

SECTION 005.

Alarm owners and/or the company installing the alarm system must provide at least the following information prior to the alarm system becoming operational; the Police Department shall update this information on an annual basis and may require additional information on an individual basis, such as:

- A. Name, exact address, and phone number of alarm site;
- B. Directions and exact location of building(s);
- C. A minimum of two (2) persons who may be contacted in the event of an emergency, and have the ability to gain entry to reset the alarm.

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SECTION 006.

False Alarms: The activation of an alarm system through mechanical failure, accidental tripping, malfunction, improper maintenance, or misuse by the owner or lessee of an alarm system, or his employees or agents.

A conclusive presumption shall be made that a false alarm has occurred upon the failure of the responding Town agency to find any evidence of a legitimate cause for the activation.

False Alarms shall not include alarms caused by severe weather. Conditions, power outage, malfunction of telephone circuits or other external causes beyond the control of the owner or lessee of the alarm system.

SECTION 007.

Any individual, firm, or corporation who causes, or attempts to cause, a false alarm through the use of alarm-reporting equipment, shall be assessed a penalty of one hundred (\$100) dollars. RSA 644:3 shall supersede this section when fire alarms are involved.

SECTION 008.

PENALTIES: No part of this Ordinance shall supersede RSA 644:3.

A person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred (\$100) dollars for each offense, except that optional procedures set forth in this section may be used in lieu of court proceedings for violations of this Ordinance.

The owner may, within 5 days of the time when a notice of violation of this Ordinance is delivered, pay to the clerk of the Fremont Police Department by mail or personal appearance, the sum specified in the notice, as a penalty in lieu of Court proceedings.

Failure by the owner to make such payment will result in a second written notice of the violation. Failure by the owner to make such payment within five (5) days after the second notice is sent will result in the issuance of a summons to the owner to appear in the Exeter District Court to answer to charges of violating the Ordinance.

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- A. Violation of Section 003. (Direct Dial Alarms) shall be \$100 per activation.
- B. Violation of Section 004. (Audible Alarm Cut-Offs) shall be \$25 per activation.
- c. Violation of Section 006. (More than 3 false alarms at anyone alarm site within a 12 month period) shall be as follows:

4 - 5 alarms	\$25.00
6 - 8 alarms	\$50.00
9 - 10 alarms	\$100.00

D. A "No Response- policy shall be imposed after 10 false alarms.

Responses shall resume following repairs, retraining, or other appropriate actions have occurred and following a written request by the owner/leasee for responses to resume.

SECTION 009.

APPEALS: Any false alarm, fee, or other action taken may be appealed to the Fremont Board of Selectmen.

Signed this 3rd day of October 1996.

Selectman

Selectman

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