

ORDINANCE 1987- 3  
TOWNSHIP OF EAST WINDSOR  
COUNTY OF MERCER

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER  
VI - LICENSING - OF THE REVISED  
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF EAST WINDSOR TO REGULATE THE  
INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF PRIVATE  
ALARM SYSTEMS BY REQUIRING REGISTRATION  
ESTABLISHING STANDARDS AND SETTING  
PENALTIES

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Council of  
the Township of East Windsor, County of Mercer and State of New  
Jersey, as follows:

1. Chapter VI of the Revised General Ordinances is  
hereby supplemented by adding the following new section:

6-10 Private Alarm Systems.

6-10.1 Definitions. As used in this section:

a. "Alarm Business" shall mean a business operated for  
profit which engages in the activity of altering, installing,  
leasing, maintaining, repairing, replacing, selling, servicing or  
responding to a fire or burglar alarm system, or which causes  
any of these activities to take place. Excluded from this de-  
finition are the retail establishments which sell alarm systems  
over the counter and do not service them, and homeowners or  
developers who sell an alarm system as part of a sale or trans-  
fer of a residential or commercial unit.

b. "Alarm Device" shall mean any type of alarm-  
activating equipment which provides warning of burglary, intru-  
sion, fire, flood or other hazard potentially harmful to life or  
property.

c. "Alarm System" shall mean one or more alarm devices installed in a building or structure for the express purpose of giving visual, audible and/or electronic warning of burglary, intrusion, fire, flood or other hazard potentially harmful to life or property.

d. "Alarm System User" shall mean any person in control of any building or structure wherein an alarm system is operated.

e. "False Alarm" shall mean an alarm signal eliciting a response by police or fire fighters or other public officials when a situation requiring a response by police or fire fighters or other public officials does not in fact exist. This shall not include an alarm signal caused by violent conditions of nature, such as, but not limited to lightning, tornadoes, hurricanes, or other extraordinary circumstances not reasonably subject to control by the alarm business or alarm system user.

f. "Independent Smoke/Fire Detector" shall mean a device giving an audible alarm indicating smoke and/or fire within a structure and not connected to an alarm system or to any external warning device.

6-10.2 Registration and License Required. No person shall install or operate an alarm system unless the alarm system has been registered and a license has been obtained.

6-10.3 Registration and Application for License. Application for a license to install or operate an alarm system shall be made to the township clerk on forms provided by the clerk. In addition to the information required in subsection 6-1.4, the application shall contain the following information:

a. Name, address and telephone number of the owner or manager of the property upon which the alarm system is to be

installed or operated.

b. List of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of person(s) to be contacted in the event of an alarm or an emergency.

c. Type of alarm system and a description of the system's operation.

d. Name, address and telephone number of the person installing the alarm system.

e. Name, address and telephone number of the person maintaining the alarm system.

All existing alarm systems shall comply with the requirements of this section within ninety (90) days of the date of final adoption of this Ordinance.

6-10.4 Fees. A fee of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars shall accompany the application for each alarm system.

6-10.5 Expiration and Renewal. No further registration or licenser renewal shall be required unless there is a material change in the information previously submitted in the application, in which case the alarm system user, within ten days of such material change, shall file a new application and application fee.

#### 6-10.6 General Regulations.

a. Each alarm system shall be installed utilizing discrete circuitry for multi-purpose alarm systems to insure appropriate emergency response.

b. Any alarm system which requires for its operation electricity supplied by a public utility may be equipped with a battery rendering it operable in the event of a power outage. A battery backup system shall be required for any alarm system which will trigger itself automatically in the event of a power

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fluctuation, surge or outage.

c. All burglar alarm systems must be provided with a device which will automatically shut off the alarm after fifteen (15) minutes of activation.

d. All burglar alarm systems not fitted with an external key switch shall be equipped with a time delay of at least fifteen (15) seconds which may include an audible signal of the same length of time. The fifteen second signal, if used, shall be audible only within the structure and not externally.

e. No person shall install, cause to be installed or permit to be installed any/burglar alarm device, by whatever name known, which automatically selects a telephone line dedicated to the police department or fire department for the purpose of playing a recorded message to report any emergency.

f. If an alarm system, other than a fire or burglar alarm system, is tied into and/or serviced by a central station or answering service, upon activation of said alarm system, the central station or answering service shall verify the validity of the alarm prior to notifying the police department of same.

g. Fire alarm systems shall be reset only with the authorization of the fire department and in the presence of fire department officials. The police department shall not be responsible for resetting burglar alarm systems.

h. No alarm business or person owning, using or possessing an alarm system shall cause or permit the giving of repeated false alarms, whether intentional or accidental.

i. An alarm business shall be responsible for notifying the police department when one of its customers using or possessing an alarm system sells his property. The alarm business

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shall notify the police department as to the name of the new owner and whether or not the new owner is continuing with an alarm device or system within the property.

6-10.7 Exception. This section shall not apply to any alarm system installed on property occupied by the township, county, state or federal government, to an independent fire or smoke detector as defined in paragraph 6-10.1f or to any medical alert system.

6-10.8 Penalties.

a. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$50.00 and may be required to remove the alarm system.

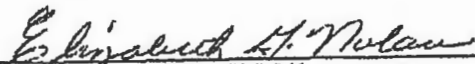
b. Any owner or user of an alarm system which experiences more than four (4) false alarms within any calendar year shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$100.00 for each false alarm after four (4) in any calendar year and shall be required to modify or improve the alarm system to prevent accidental activation.

c. Any owner or user of an alarm system which experiences more than twelve (12) false alarms in any calendar year shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 and shall disconnect the alarm system until a statement is provided from those that service the alarm system that the malfunction has been corrected.

d. Any false alarms which occur during the first sixty (60) days after an alarm system is initially installed shall not be counted toward the number of false alarms as provided for in this subsection.

2. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST:

  
ELIZABETH G. NOLAN  
Municipal Clerk

  
BARBARA MANSEAU  
Mayor

ADOPTED: Feb 10, 1987

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ORDINANCE NO. 1995-6

EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP

MERCER COUNTY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND  
SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER VI  
"LICENSING", SECTION 6-10  
"PRIVATE ALARM SYSTEMS",  
SUBSECTION 6-10.3  
"REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION  
FOR LICENSE" OF THE REVISED  
GENERAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF EAST WINDSOR

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey that Chapter VI "Licensing", Section 6-10 "Private Alarm Systems", Subsection 6-10.3 "Registration and Application for License" be and is hereby amended as follows (additions have been underlined and deletions are in [brackets]):

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Section 6-10.3 Registration and Application for License. Application for a license to install or operate an alarm system shall be made to the [township clerk] township police department and on forms provided by the [clerk] township police department. In addition to the information required in subsection 6-1.4, the application shall contain the following information:

a. through e. No change.

[All existing alarm systems shall comply with the requirements of this section within 90 days of the date of final adoption of this section.]

II

SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

III

REPEAL.

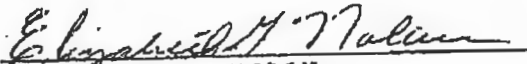
All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

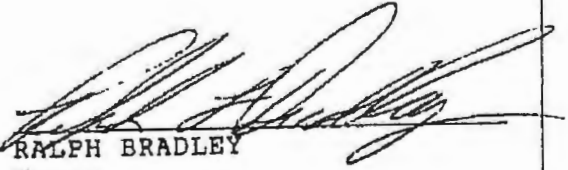
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EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption and approval.

ATTEST:

  
ELIZABETH G. NOLAN  
Municipal Clerk

  
RALPH BRADLEY  
Mayor

Adopted: March 14, 1995