

**EXCERPTS FROM CHAPTER 67
CODE OF TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD – ALARM SYSTEMS**

FALSE ALARM shall mean an alarm device or dial alarm actuated for which there is no evidence or inadvertence on the part of any permittee, agents, servants, and employees requiring a response by police, fire or other municipal agency. False alarms shall include actuations caused by malfunctioning of the alarm device, dial alarm or other relevant equipment but shall not include alarm actuations caused by natural forces or other extraordinary circumstances not subject to control by the permittee.

67.3: Permit Required

- a. No person shall install, maintain, use or cause to be used any alarm systems within the township unless a permit therefore has been issued by the Chief in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- b. Every permit issued for an alarm system shall expire on December 31 of the year in which it is issued. No person shall use an alarm system during any period when the permit has expired or is suspended.
- c. With each permit the applicant must provide a list of three persons to be contacted in the event of an actuation. This contact person(s) must respond within 30 minutes of contact.
- d. Local alarm systems with exterior audible alarms are permitted if the device is equipped with an automatic alarm shutoff after 10 minutes.
- e. Dial alarms shall be permitted only if designed to dial three successive times for the purposes of leaving a message no longer than three minutes in length.
- f. All alarm devices shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:23 et seq, the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code. All fire alarm devices shall be installed with the approval of the fire official and in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18, the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code.

67.4: Fees

- a. Fees for alarm system permits shall be \$25.00 for all private alarm systems, including warning and sounding devices.

67.7: Terms and Conditions of Permit

All permits for alarm systems shall be issued upon the following terms and conditions.

- a. A permit shall be issued for each separate improved property, store building, or facility and no permit shall be transferred or assigned in any manner.
- b. Every permittee shall be subject to the rules and standards set forth in this section.
- c. If an alarm system is disconnected, the permittee shall be given written notice to the Police Department within seven days of such disconnection.
Any permittee who fails to give the notice required under this subsection shall be subject to the penalties contained herein.

67.9 Discussion of Unauthorized Equipment: Consent to Inspection

Any unauthorized alarm system or equipment shall be disconnected by the or his designated representative for noncompliance with this section, and any person installing or maintaining an unauthorized alarm system equipment shall be prosecuted for violation of this section, and each day such equipment is in operation shall be considered a separate violation.

67.11: False Alarms Fees and Fines

- a. In the case of a false alarm, any permittee or his agent or representative having knowledge therefore shall immediately notify the Township Police Department.
- b. Where a permittee or his agent or representative notified the Township Police Department within sixty seconds of the activation of the alarm, the activation shall not be deemed to be a false alarm or the purpose of imposing penalties upon the permittee.

c. The Chief shall cause an investigation to be made of all false alarms and a record of such false alarms kept on file. For the first, second and third false

alarms in any given calendar year, a warning shall be issued. When a particular premises in or upon which an alarm system is installed, which is subject to control by the occupant experiences three false alarms within a period of one year, the Township Committee prescribes the following penalties:

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1. A fine of \$100.00 shall be paid to the Township for every Police Fire Department response to an alarm actuation at that premises for the false alarm to be paid by the registrant or permittee. Payment of

fee shall be due and owing no later than 15 days following the date of response.

2. A fine of \$200.00 for each false alarm over four false alarms shall be levied against the registrant, or permittee or person that installed the alarm system if the false alarm is responsibility of that person. For the purpose of this paragraph, no alarm actuations during the 30 day period immediately following installation of the alarm system shall be deemed to be false alarms.