

Paradise Township, York County

Pennsylvania



REGISTRATION OF ALARM SYSTEMS

Date: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Address: _____

Applicant Telephone Number: _____

Please fill out the following information if the user and address are different than the applicant.

User Name: _____

User Address: _____

User Telephone Number: _____

Installer Information

Installer Name: _____

Installer Address: _____

Installer Telephone Number: _____

Location of alarm Panel: _____

Please list the name, address, and telephone number of an emergency contact who have keys to the premises at which the alarm system is located and who are authorized to enter the premises at any time, but who do not reside at the premises at which the alarm system is located.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

The Township Secretary shall furnish copies of the registration forms to the Fire Chief and Police Chief.

POLICE CHIEF - the Chief of the Northern York County Regional Police.

TOWNSHIP - the Township of Paradise, York County, Pennsylvania.

USER - the person in physical control of a premises including, but not limited to, a tenant, owner, contract purchaser or trustee.

(Ord. 92-3, 5/11/1992, §3)

§404. Registration of Alarm Systems.

1. Each alarm user and owner of a premises with an alarm system as defined herein shall register the system with the Township Secretary within sixty (60) days of the date of enactment of this Part in the case of existing alarm systems or within five (5) days of the installation or replacement or substantial modification of an alarm system after the effective date of this Part. No newly installed or replaced or substantially modified alarm system shall be activated prior to such registration.

2. Every person who shall be in control of any building, structure or facility wherein an alarm system is located shall register that fact with the Township Secretary within ten (10) days after becoming in control.

3. Registration shall be accomplished by the filing of a written statement on such form as prescribed by the Township, executed by the alarm user, setting forth:

A. The name, address and telephone number of the user of the alarm system.

B. The name, address and telephone number of the owner of the premises upon which the alarm system is located, if different from that of the alarm user,

C. The address and description of the property where the alarm system is located.

D. The location and description of the alarm system and its mode of operation.

E. The name and address of the installer and certification by the installer that the system has been installed in compliance with the provisions of this Part.

F. Location where the alarm will be received, including address, telephone number and contact person.

G. The name, address and telephone number of at least three (3) individuals who have keys to the premises at which the alarm system is located and who are authorized to enter the premises at any time, but who do not reside at the premises at which the alarm system is located.

H. Such other information as the form may require.

4. The Township Secretary shall furnish copies of the registration forms to the Fire Chief and Police Chief and receiving agency as appropriate.

5. The Fire Chief or Police Chief, as appropriate, shall have the right to inspect and test an alarm system at any time to insure that it is functioning in accordance with the provisions of this Part and to check such things as, but not limited to, that the information set forth in the registration is accurate; that the proper fire company or police force is dispatched in response to the alarm; and to familiarize himself with the operation of the system and how the appropriate response units will be notified.

6. The Township Secretary shall, within five (5) business days from receipt for an application for registration of an alarm system, either approve the application or notify the applicant in writing that his application has not been approved and the reason or reasons for such disapproval. An application may be disapproved if the fee required by §405 of this Part is not paid or the application contains misrepresentations or false statements or does not comply with subsection (3) of this Section, or the operation of the alarm system does not comply with §409 of this Part. Upon meeting the requirements of this Section, the alarm system shall be registered and operation thereof permitted.

7. The alarm user or owner of the premises shall be required to notify the Township Secretary within ten (10) days of any changes in the information in any application for the registration of an alarm system.

(Ord. 92-3, 5/11/1992, §4)

§405. Fee. In order to offset the cost of inspection and administration, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be charged, payable to the Township of Paradise, for each alarm system registered pursuant to §404(1) of this Part. No fee shall be required for registration filed pursuant to §404(2) of this Part. (Ord. 92-3, 5/11/1992, §5)

§406. Obligation. The obligation for maintenance, repair and upkeep of an alarm system shall be the full responsibility of the person who shall, from time to time, have control of the building, structure or facility where the alarm system is located. (Ord. 92-3, 5/11/1992, §6)

§407. Confidentiality. Except as provided in §404(4) of this Part, all information submitted in compliance with the Part shall be kept in confidence and shall be deemed a confidential record except from discovery to the extent permitted by law. (Ord. 92-3, 5/11/1992, §7)

§408. Unauthorized Testing of Fire Alarm Systems. It shall be unlawful for any person, whether or not an alarm system owner or user, to cause a false fire alarm resulting in the dispatch of Thomasville, Abbottstown or East Berlin Fire Company as a result of a test or work on an automatic fire system without prior notification of the Fire Chief that such a test or work will be conducted or undertaken. (Ord. 92-3, 5/11/1992, §8)

§409. Audible Alarms. Any alarm system, except sprinkler system water flow bells, that is audible off the premises shall be equipped with an automatic cutoff to silence the audible alarm after fifteen (15) minutes. (Ord. 92-3, 5/11/1992, §9)

§410. False Alarms.

1. If an alarm system shall create more than three (3) false alarms in any calendar year, except as provided in subsection (3) of this Section, the Police Chief or Fire Chief, as the case may be, shall notify the owner and user of the system of the fact and that any further false alarms shall result in the imposition of a fee for answering such alarms as provided in subsection (2) of this Section. Such notice shall be given by mailing a certified letter, return receipt requested, or by personal service to the owner and user of record as registered pursuant to §404 of this Part.

2. There is hereby imposed a fee for response to false alarms, except as provided in subsection (3) of this Section, in excess of three (3) in any calendar year. For the fourth such false alarm, the fee imposed shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00); for the fifth such false alarm, the fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00); and for the sixth and each succeeding false alarm thereafter, the fee shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00). This fee is imposed whether the false alarm is received automatically through the alarm system or by any other means.

3. In the case of a false alarm received as a result of a particular automatic fire alarm device being connected directly into the alarm system, the Fire Chief shall notify the owner and user of that fact and that any further false alarms from the same defect shall result in the imposition of a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the second such false alarm, one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the third such false alarm, and three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for any such false alarm thereafter. Such notice shall be given by mailing a certified letter, return receipt requested, or by personal service to the owner and user as registered pursuant to §404 of this Part.

4. The Township may revoke the registration of said system issued pursuant to §404 of this Part if the fees imposed by this Section are not paid within thirty (30) days of their imposition or if the owner fails to take necessary corrective measures to abate an excessive number of false alarms. An owner or user may reapply for registration at any time after revocation provided that he can show that the system is now in compliance with the Part and that all fees imposed hereunder have been paid.

5. If the alarm system shall transmit more than three (3) false alarms in any calendar year, the Police Chief or Fire Chief, as the case may be, shall have the right to inspect such system to determine whether it is being used in conformity with the terms of the permit and the provisions of this Part.

(Ord. 92-3, 5/11/1992, §10)

§411. Penalties. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Part, including the failure to pay the fee imposed by §§410(2) and 410(3) or operating a system without registration pursuant to §§404(1) or 410(4), or creating a false fire alarm pursuant to §408, shall, upon being found liable thereof in a civil enforcement proceeding commenced by Paradise Township, pay a fine not exceeding one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for the first such offense, or a fine of not more than three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for the second such offense, or a fine of not more than six hundred (\$600.00) dollars

for each succeeding offense, plus all court costs, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Paradise Township. Northern York County Regional Police Department, the appropriate enforcement officers of Paradise Township, or other appropriate officer or officers of Paradise Township shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this Part. The amount of the fine imposed for the violation of this Part shall be established by the officer who determines that a violation has occurred. Notice of the violation of the Part and the amount of the fine imposed shall be given by personal delivery or by certified mail to the person or entity violating the Part. If the person or entity violating the Part fails or refuses to pay the fine imposed within the period specified within the notice of the violation of the ordinance, the Township, or an officer thereof, shall file a civil enforcement proceeding with the district justice of the peace to enforce the fine imposed. Any violation of this Part shall be deemed a separate offense for each and every day such violation shall continue and shall subject the violator thereof to the penalties above imposed for each and every separate offense.

(Ord. 92-3, 5/11/1992, §11; as amended by Ord. 1996-3, 11/11/1996, §2)

§412. Disclaimer of Liability. This Part shall not create liability on the part of Paradise Township or any official or employee thereof for any damages that result from reliance on this Part or any registration required hereunder or on any administrative decision lawfully made hereunder, nor shall this Part create any liability or responsibility to maintain or inspect any alarm system or to respond to any alarms communicated to the appropriate agency. (Ord. 92-3, 5/11/1992, §12)