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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 8 (POLICE), CHAPTER 3 (ALARM SYSTEMS),
SECTIONS 8-3-9 and 8-3-10**

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WHEREAS, the Illinois Compiled Statutes, including the Illinois Municipal Code, regulate purchases and contracts entered into by the Village of Orland Park, a home-rule municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Village has experienced an increasing number of false alarm activations at commercial and business properties, resulting in unnecessary responses by emergency personnel; and

WHEREAS, each false alarm response diverts police, fire, and emergency resources from genuine emergencies, thereby impacting public safety and the efficient delivery of essential services; and

WHEREAS, excessive false alarms at business establishments reduce the availability of emergency responders to attend to critical incidents and compromise the overall readiness of Village emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the Village finds it necessary to enforce compliance with alarm system standards and reporting requirements to ensure that emergency personnel are not routinely diverted to non-emergency calls; and

WHEREAS, the current ordinance has not been updated or amended to keep pace with the costs associated with law enforcement, compliance monitoring, and corrective measures;

WHEREAS, the Village deems it is in the best interest of the Village and its residents to amend the ordinance to mirror the amended Appendix B: Fine Schedule to encourage the lawful behavior and compliance, enhance community responsibility, and protect the quality of life of all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Orland Park, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: Title 8 (Police) Chapter 3 (Alarm Systems) Sections 8-3-9 and 8-3-10 shall hereby be amended in part (additional language marked by underlining and deletions marked with strikethrough) as reflected and attached hereto as EXHIBIT "A".

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as required by law.

SECTION 3: The Village Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

EXHIBIT A

8-3-9: REVOCATION OF PERMIT:

1. Alarm Permit revocation proceedings may begin after the ~~twelfth~~ ninth (~~12th~~ 9th) false alarm in a calendar year beginning on January 1 of any year. (Ord. 4415, 9-15-08)
2. After the Police Department has recorded ~~twelve~~ nine (~~12~~ 9) false alarms for an authorized alarm user within a calendar year beginning on January 1 of that year, it shall prepare a station complaint and on the same day shall verbally notify the person indicated in the permit to deal with police authorities, informing the person of the number of false alarms and requesting that within fifteen (15) days a written report be submitted describing efforts to discover and eliminate the cause(s) of the false alarms. (Ord. 4415, 9-15-08)
3. An alarm user whose permit has been revoked for a violation of this Section will pay a two-hundred and fifty dollar (~~\$50.00~~ \$250.00) reinstatement fee after resolving the false alarm issue to the reasonable satisfaction of the Chief of Police and before the department reinstates the alarm user's authorization. (Ord. 4415, 9-15-08)
4. If the authorized user fails to submit the report in paragraph 2, above, within 15 days or such longer time as the Chief of Police may reasonably grant, or if said report fails to show that the alarm user has taken or will take reasonable steps to eliminate or reduce false alarms, the Chief of Police may revoke the alarm user's authorization. (Ord. 4415, 9-15-08)
5. When alarm conditions are received by the Police Department that evidence a failure to comply with the requirements of this Chapter, the Police Chief is authorized to demand that the owner or lessee of such device, or his representative, disconnect such device until it is made to comply with said requirements.
6. The Chief of Police may revoke or suspend any permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter after giving written notice to the alarm user and an opportunity for the alarm user to effect compliance within ten (10) days or less, if he determines that the alarm system under said permit has been installed, maintained or operated in violation of this Chapter or of any term or condition of said permit.
7. An alarm system user whose authorization has been revoked is not precluded under this Section from applying for a new authorization. The Police Chief however, is not required to issue a new authorization unless he is satisfied that the alarm user's system has been properly serviced and its deficiencies corrected. The Police Chief may impose reasonable restrictions and conditions upon issuing a new authorization to an alarm user with respect to the particular system for which the authorization is revoked.

8-3-10: FALSE ALARMS AND RESPONSE TIME; FINE AMOUNTS

1. After ~~six~~ four (~~6~~ 4) false alarms in a calendar year beginning on January 1 of each year, fines will be imposed according to the fine schedule located in Appendix B for each offense of which such person shall be convicted.
2. An alarm user or his or her authorized agent shall have thirty (30) minutes in which to arrive at an alarm location to assist police authorities in shutting off any alarm. If the response time is greater than thirty (30) minutes, the alarm user will be assessed a fine according to the

fine schedule located in Appendix B unless he releases the responding agency from the scene at the time he is advised of the alarm by the responding agency.

3. A false burglar alarm at an open business will be treated as a false panic/holdup alarm and will be assessed a fine according to the fine schedule located in [Appendix B](#) for each offense of which such person shall be convicted and also count as a false alarm under this section.

(Ord. 4415, 9-15-08; Amd. Ord. 5224, 10-2-17)