

Section 3. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Alarm Code is:

- A. To regulate the activity and responsibility of persons who:
- (1) install or use alarm devices or alarm systems;
 - (2) engage in the business of selling, leasing, installing, servicing or maintaining alarm devices or alarm systems; or
 - (3) engage in the business of providing services incidental to alarm devices or alarm systems such as telephone alarm relay services, telephone answering service, fire, burglar or protective services incidental to or in response to a device or alarm system which affects the public.
- B. To set standards for alarm devices and alarm systems.
- C. To encourage improvement in the reliability of alarm devices and alarm systems.
- D. To eliminate undue burdens on public facilities and assure that law enforcement, fire, and other personnel are not unduly diverted from normal activities in response to false alarms.

The Alarm Code shall not regulate any private alarm device or alarm system which will not be seen or heard or which will not be communicated or transmitted to the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department or the general public.

Section 4. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future tense; words used in the plural number include the singular number; and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory. The word "may" is permissive. Words not defined in this section shall be given their common and ordinary meaning.

A. "Alarm System Business" means the business of any individual, partnership, corporation, or other entity engaged in selling, leasing, maintaining, servicing, repairing, altering, replacing, monitoring, or installing any alarm system, or in causing any alarm system to be sold, leased, maintained, serviced, repaired, altered, replaced, monitored or installed in or on any building, structure, or facility.

B. "Alarm System" means any mechanical or electrical device which is designed primarily for the detection of an unauthorized entry into a building, structure, facility, or for alerting others of a medical emergency situation or of the commission of a robbery within a building, structure or both;