

ORDINANCE NO. 2015 - 03

**AN ORDINANCE OF PENN TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
REGULATING ALARM SYSTEMS**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE SUPERVISORS OF PENN TOWNSHIP,
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND
ENACTED BY THE SAME AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS – The Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Alarm Systems Ordinance.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE – The purpose of the Ordinance is to impose administrative and criminal penalties in order to reduce false alarms originating from homes, businesses and other establishments located within Penn Township, Cumberland County.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS – The following words, terms and phrases shall have the meanings described herein ascribed thereto unless the context clearly indicated a different meaning.

ALARM SYSTEM – Any assembly of equipment arranged to signal the occurrence of a police, fire, hazard or medical emergency requiring urgent attention and to which police, fire or emergency medical personnel are expected to respond.

FALSE ALARM

- A. An alarm activated in the absence of an emergency, whether willfully or by inadvertence, negligence or unintentional act, including the malfunction of the alarm system.
- B. Multiple alarms received by the Police, Fire Company or EMS before the system can be deactivated within a reasonable period of time. A reasonable period of time shall be considered a time period not to exceed 12 hours from the time of the first alarm.

FIRE CHIEF – The Fire Chief of the Penn Township Volunteer Fire Company, or his designee.

PERSON – Any person, group, firm, partnership, association, company, corporation or organization of any kind.

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SECTION 8. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES – The owner of any alarm system that violates any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to the following:

A. Residential Alarm Systems:

First two (2) false alarms, per calendar year	warning
Third (3 rd) false alarm, per calendar year	\$75.00
Fourth (4 th) false alarm, per calendar year	\$100.00
Fifth (5 th) false alarm, per calendar year	\$150.00

B. Commercial Alarm Systems:

First two (2) false alarms, per calendar year	warning
Third (3 rd) false alarm, per calendar year	\$200.00
Fourth (4 th) false alarm, per calendar year	\$400.00
Fifth (5 th) false alarm, per calendar year	\$600.00

C. Penalty for installing a system without an application shall be \$50.00.

D. Penalty for failure to update the application when contact information changes shall be \$25.00.

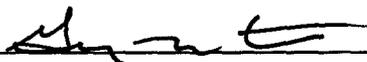
E. This Ordinance shall be under the jurisdiction of Penn Township Ordinance 2014-02, the Alternative Dispute Ordinance. Any violation of the provisions of any article as enumerated in this ordinance shall be cause for a citation, and/or a notice of violation to be issued to the violator.

SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY: The provisions of this ordinance are severable, and if any section, clause, sentence, part or provision thereof shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall no affect, impair or invalidate any of the remaining sections, clauses, sentences, parts or provisions of this ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Penn Township Board of Supervisors that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, clause, sentence, part of provision had not been included herein.

The provisions of any other prior ordinance which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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DULY ENACTED and ORDAINED THIS 5th DAY OF January, 2015,
By the Supervisors of Penn Township in public session duly assembled



GARY MARTIN, CHAIRMAN

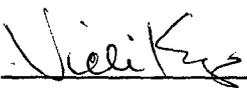


KENNETH SHEAFFER, VICE CHAIRMAN



AMOS SEIDERS, SUPERVISOR

ATTEST:



VICKI KNEPP, SECRETARY