

Chapter 180

ALARM SYSTEMS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Plover by Ord. No. 7-02 (§ 9.125 of the 1985 Code). Amendments where noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Fire Department — See Ch. 60.
Police Department — See Ch. 120.
Fire prevention — See Ch. 286.

§ 180-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ALARM SYSTEM — Any device designed for the detection of an unauthorized entry on premises or for alerting others of the commission of an unlawful act, or both, or for the detection of a fire which, when activated, produces a signal, visual or audible or both, which signal will ultimately result in the dispatching/notification of the Village of Plover Police Department or the Village of Plover Fire Department.

FALSE ALARM

A. Any of the following:

- (1) The activation of an alarm system through the negligence of the owner or lessee of an alarm system or of his employees or agents.
- (2) The activation of an alarm system through mechanical failure or malfunction because of improper maintenance by the alarm user.
- (3) The activation of an alarm system because of improper installation and/or use of the equipment by the alarm business.

B. Such terminology does not include false alarms caused by weather conditions, violent conditions, or by prior arrangements made for testing of the alarm system.

SELF-CONTAINED ALARM SYSTEM — Any device designed for the detection of unauthorized entry on the premises or for alerting others of the commission of an unlawful act, or both, or for the detection of a fire which, when activated, produces a signal, visible or audible or both, which signal is caused to be transmitted to the general area surrounding the premises so as to give notice to the general public.

§ 180-2. Service charges for false alarms. [Amended by Ord. No. 11-04]

A. Any property owner, tenant or other person with an alarm system, including but not limited to a self-contained alarm system, that transmits a false alarm to the Police or Fire Department shall be subject to the penalty and/or service charge as provided in Subsection

B.

B. For false alarms in a calendar year resulting in the dispatching of police or fire personnel, the penalties shall be:

- (1) For the first false alarm, a written warning (ordinance warning citation).
- (2) For the second false alarm, an administrative warning in writing (department letterhead).
- (3) For the third false alarm, an administrative service charge of \$60.
- (4) For the fourth and subsequent false alarms, an administrative service charge of \$90.

C. Any property owner, tenant or other person with an alarm system, including but not limited to a self-contained alarm system, that transmits a false alarm under conditions of Subsection A(2) and (3) in the definition of "false alarm" in § 180-1 shall not be assessed administrative service charges as outlined in Subsection B if, after the second and subsequent false alarms, his alarm system is inspected by a certified and recognized alarm system company. Such inspection must be completed within 21 days following the false alarm and a copy of the inspection report must be provided to the Police Department within that time period. Failure to have the system inspected shall result in an administrative service charge corresponding to the number of false alarms received within that calendar year. All service charges are due and payable within 30 days upon receipt of the assessment and are collectible as a special charge against the property pursuant to § 66.0627, Wis. Stats.