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# Police Department

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## City of Azusa Police Department Alarm Systems Ordinance

Effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2006 the City of Azusa False Alarm Ordinance and fees related to false alarms will change. These rules and fees will be applicable for each Fiscal Year Starting on July 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on June 30th.

**Registration Fee for new accounts: \$25.00**

**Registration Fee Renewal (from the date of last registration): \$16.00**

### **False Alarm Response Fees:**

1<sup>st</sup> False Alarm – Free

2<sup>nd</sup> False Alarm - \$50.00

3<sup>rd</sup> False Alarm - \$250.00

Thereafter - \$500.00

### **Sec. 18-245. Violations.**

(a) Any person violating this article shall be guilty of an infraction.

(b) Any alarm installed or maintained in violation of this article is declared to be a public nuisance and may be abated as provided by law.

(Code 1971, § 5.52.120)

### **Sec. 18-247. Standards for equipment and operation.**

(a) All new alarm systems shall meet or exceed the minimum standards for alarm systems as the city council shall establish by separate resolution.

(b) All alarm systems terminating at the police alarm board shall include a device which will provide a minimum of 30 seconds' delay of the original transmission and activate a signal immediately in such a manner as to be perceptible to a person legitimately entering, leaving or occupying the premises.

(c) All alarm systems shall be supplied with an uninterrupted power supply in such a manner that the failure or interruption of the normal electric utility service will not activate the alarm system.

(d) All audible alarm systems shall include a device which will limit the duration of the audible sound to a period of 15 minutes at a residential location and 30 minutes at a commercial location.

(Code 1971, § 5.52.030)

### **Sec. 18-249. False alarms.**

Any person who maintains or has an alarm connected to the police department alarm board and any person who maintains any alarm system regulated by this article shall be subject to pay an assessment fee for false alarms as established by resolution of the city council.

(Code 1971, § 5.52.050)

**Sec. 18-250. Discontinuance of response to alarms.**

(a) The chief of police may discontinue response by police officers to an alarm at a location when any of the following conditions exist:

- (1) When there are more than six assessments against a specific location for false alarms.
- (2) When an assessment for a false alarm has been levied against an alarm location and the party responsible for payment of the assessment fails to pay the assessment within 15 days following notification of the levy of the assessment.

(b) At least 15 days prior to discontinuance of response by police officers, the chief of police shall notify the subscriber by mail of the action. The subscriber may, within ten days after mailing of such notice, request a meeting with the chief of police to present material to rebut the basis of the discontinuance. The subscriber may appeal the decision of the chief of police to the city council within five days of the effective date of the decision by the chief of police.

(c) Reinstatement will occur when the subscriber or alarm operator or alarm agent has remedied the problem causing the false alarms or when a past-due prevention assessment has been paid.

(d) Nothing in this article is intended to prevent a police officer from responding to a person who calls and advises of a crime in progress or who needs police assistance.

(Code 1971, § 5.52.110)

**Sec. 18-251. Testing.**

A subscriber shall notify the police department prior to any service, test, repair, maintenance, alteration or installation of an alarm system which might produce a false alarm. An alarm activated subsequent to notification shall not be counted as a false alarm for the purposes of section 18-249.

(Code 1971, § 5.52.060)

**Sec. 18-252. Malfunction repair.**

When any false alarm caused by a malfunction occurs, the subscriber shall cause the alarm system to be repaired to eliminate the malfunction before the alarm is again put into service. The repair must be certified in writing by a registered alarm agent.

(Code 1971, § 5.52.070)

**Sec. 18-253. Prohibited audible sounds.**

No alarm system shall emit a sound resembling an emergency vehicle siren or civil defense warning. The chief of police shall make the final determination regarding any question of the compliance of an audible alarm with this section.

(Code 1971, § 5.52.080)

**Sec. 18-254. Direct dialing devices.**

No person shall install, use or maintain any alarm system which directly dials any telephone number in any office of the city.

(Code 1971, § 5.52.090)

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