

CHAPTER 5

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5-5-1: DEFINITIONS:

ALARM EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS: Any person, firm or corporation that sells, leases or installs automatic protection devices or signaling devices which transmit alarms upon receipt of a stimulus from a detection apparatus or a manually operated system.

AUTOMATIC PROTECTION DEVICES: An electrically operated instrument which automatically sends a voice alarm over regular public telephone lines upon detection of a fire or unauthorized intrusion.

SIGNALING DEVICES: An electrically operated instrument which automatically sends visual and audible signals over a signal line to be registered by indicators at a monitor panel at the receiving terminal. (Ord., 11-18-1975)

5-5-2: AUTOMATIC PROTECTION DEVICES:

5-5-2-1: PERMIT REQUIRED:

No person shall operate, maintain or install any automatic protection device without first obtaining a permit as required by this chapter. (Ord., 1-20-1976)

5-5-2-2: APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS:

A. Application For Permit By User: Applications for permits to install, maintain and operate an automatic protection device shall be filed with the chief of police on forms supplied by the village with an application fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) payable to the village clerk. Said application shall include the following:

1. Name, address, telephone number and emergency telephone numbers of alarm equipment supplier and type of business organization (individual, partnership, corporation). If a partnership, names and addresses of the partners; if a corporation, the names and addresses of the principal officers and the state where incorporated.

2. A description of, and operational specifications for the automatic protection device or devices offered to the public, together with a statement that the equipment does comply with the standards of the Underwriters' Laboratories, the National Fire Protection Association, Factory Mutual or equal.

3. All installations shall comply with the village electrical code.

B. Application For Permit By A Company Engaged In Alarm Business: Applications for permits to install, maintain and operate an automatic protection device shall be filed with the chief of police on forms supplied by the village with an application fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) payable to the village clerk. Said application shall include the following:

1. Name, address and telephone number of alarm equipment supplier and type of business organization (individual, partnership, corporation). If a partnership, names and addresses of the partners; if a corporation, the names and addresses of the principal officers and the state where incorporated.

2. A description of, and operational specifications for the automatic protection device or devices offered to the public, together with a statement that the equipment does comply with the standards of the Underwriters' Laboratories, the National Fire Protection Association, Factory Mutual or equal.

3. All installations shall comply with the village electrical code.

4. A list of names and addresses of persons for whom installations in the village have been made by the applicant prior to the effective date hereof.

5. A list of criminal convictions, if any (other than for minor traffic offenses) of the applicant, or a list of criminal convictions, if any (other than for minor traffic offenses) of the partners, directors and officers, if the applicant is other than an individual.

6. A statement of responsibility for service of the automatic protection devices that the applicant proposes for the public.

7. A statement that the applicant is willing to comply with other reasonable rules and regulations about details of installation and operation of such devices, as may be issued by the chief of police. (Ord. O2010-22, 4-20-2010)

Notes

1. See title 9, chapter 6 of this code.

5-5-2-3: ISSUANCE OF PERMITS:

The chief of police or his designee shall approve such application if he finds that:

A. The use of said automatic protection device to transmit a signal message or warning to a designated village police department or fire department telephone line will not interfere with the orderly conduct of village business.

B. The alarm equipment supplier installing the system maintains an adequate service organization to repair, maintain and otherwise service the automatic protection devices sold or leased by him.

The police chief or the fire chief may impose reasonable conditions on the issuance and exercise of said permit. (Ord., 11-18-1975)

5-5-2-4: ANNUAL FEES:

Each permit holder shall pay to the village on or before January 1 of each year a fee in the amount of twenty dollars (\$20.00) to reimburse the village for the cost of providing special telephone lines to receive calls from automatic protection devices and other expenses of operation. For those annual fees not paid by March 1 of each year the fee amount shall be increased to forty dollars (\$40.00).

The annual permit fee shall be reduced fifty percent (50%) if the permit is issued on or after July 1. (Ord. O2010-22, 4-20-2010)

5-5-2-5: RIGHT OF INSPECTION:

The chief of police or his designee shall have the right to inspect any automatic protection device on the premises where it is installed to be used both prior and subsequent to the issuance of a permit, at a reasonable time, to determine whether a permit should be granted or whether it is being used in conformity with the terms of the permit and the provisions of this chapter. (Ord., 11-18-1975)

5-5-2-6: RESTRICTED NUMBERS:

It shall be unlawful for any person to install, maintain or operate an automatic protection device except to such telephone numbers as designated by the permit issued under the provisions of this chapter. (Ord., 11-18-1975)

5-5-2-7: CONTENTS OF RECORDED MESSAGE:

The content of the type of recorded message to be transmitted by such automatic protection device must be intelligible and in a format approved by the chief of the department concerned as appropriate for the nature of the alarm.

The length of time for transmitting the recorded message must not exceed fifteen (15) seconds per message with a maximum of two (2) transmissions. (Ord., 11-18-1975)

5-5-2-8: REVOCATION OF PERMIT:

The chief of police or his designee may revoke or suspend any permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, after giving written notice to the permit holder and an opportunity for the permit holder to effect compliance in ten (10) days or less, if he determines that the automatic protection device under said permit has been installed, maintained or operated in violation of the provisions of this chapter or of any term or condition of said permit or for failure to pay the annual service fee specified in section 5-5-2-4 of this chapter. (Ord., 11-18-1975)

5-5-3: SIGNALING DEVICES:

The village police department and fire department are authorized to contract for the installation of a uniform monitoring system to receive visual and audible signals over a signal line or lines at a central location. This system shall have a capacity to meet present needs and the ability to expand for future needs, and shall be available to any subscriber who meets the requirements for a permit for connection. (Ord., 11-18-1975)

5-5-3-1: PERMIT REQUIRED:

No person shall install, operate or maintain a signaling device over a signal line to the police department without first obtaining a permit as required by this chapter. (Ord., 11-18-1975)

5-5-3-2: APPLICATION FOR PERMIT:

Applications for permits to install, maintain and operate a signaling device shall be filed with the chief of police on forms supplied by the village with an application fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). Said application shall set forth the name, address, telephone number and emergency telephone numbers of both the installing company and the person and premises on which the device will be installed, as well as a description of the system and the location where it is to be installed.

The chief of police or his designee shall approve such application if he finds that:

A. A statement that the equipment does comply with the standards of the Underwriters' Laboratories, the National Fire Protection Association, Factory Mutual or equal.

B. The alarm equipment supplier installing the device maintains an adequate service organization to repair, maintain and otherwise service the signaling devices sold, leased or installed by him.

The chief of police or his designee may impose reasonable conditions on the issuance and exercise of said permit. (Ord., 11-18-1975)

5-5-3-3: RIGHT OF INSPECTION:

The chief of police or his designee shall have the right to inspect any signaling device on the premises where it is intended to be used both prior to and subsequent to the issuance of a permit, at reasonable times, to determine whether a permit should be granted and whether it is being used in conformity with the terms of the permit and the provisions of this chapter. (Ord., 11-18-1975)

5-5-3-4: SUBSCRIPTION CHARGES:

The permit holder shall pay the alarm equipment supplier for all equipment at their location and connection fees to the monitoring system and maintenance charges necessitated by the installation, operation and maintenance of the signaling devices in the monitoring system. The company supplying and maintaining the monitoring system shall have the right to charge subscribers or their alarm equipment supplier a reasonable fee for connection to and maintenance of the system. (Ord., 11-18-1975)

5-5-3-5: REVOCATION OF PERMITS:

A. Business Permit: The chief of police or his designee may revoke or suspend any permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, after giving written notice to the permit holder and an opportunity for the permit holder to effect compliance within ten (10) days or less, if he determines that the signaling device under said permit has been installed, maintained or operated in violation of the provisions of this chapter or of any term or condition of said permit.

B. User Permit: The chief of police or his designee may revoke or suspend any permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, after giving written notice to the permit holder and an opportunity for the permit holder to effect compliance within ten (10) days or less, if he determines that the signaling device under said permit has been installed, maintained or operated in violation of the provisions of this chapter or of any term or condition of said permit. (Ord., 11-18-1975)

5-5-4: FALSE ALARMS:

A. Permit Holder Responsible: Each person holding a permit for the operation or maintenance of an automatic protection device or signaling device shall be responsible for any false alarms transmitted by the device which they operate or maintain. The chief of police or his designee shall maintain a record of all false alarms so transmitted and pursuant to the required notice and opportunity to be heard may revoke or suspend the permit for the operation of an automatic protection device or signaling device involved in the transmission of four (4) false alarms in any one year or may make reasonable charges therefor. (Ord., 11-18-1975)

B. Payment For False Alarms: To cover the costs of responding to false alarms, the permit holder shall pay to the village for each false alarm in excess of three (3) per year transmitted by any automatic protection device or signaling device, the following amounts: (Ord., 3-2-1993)

Burglar alarm:	
Residential	\$100.00
Commercial	125.00
Fire alarm:	
Residential	200.00
Commercial	300.00

(Ord. O2015-50, 12-8-2015, eff. 1-1-2016)

C. Exception: No charge shall be imposed for false alarms for thirty (30) days from date of activation. (Ord., 11-18-1975)

5-5-5: LIABILITY OF VILLAGE LIMITED:

The village shall take every reasonable precaution to assure that alarm signals and prerecorded alarm messages received by the village are given appropriate attention and are acted upon with dispatch. Nevertheless, the village shall not be liable for any defects in operation of automatic protection devices and signal device systems, for any failure or neglect to respond appropriately upon receipt of an alarm from such a source, nor for failure or neglect of any person in connection with the installation and operation of equipment, the transmission of alarm signals and prerecorded alarm messages or the relaying of such signals and messages. In the event that the village finds it necessary to disconnect a defective automatic protection device or signaling device, the village shall incur no liability by such action. (Ord., 11-18-1975)