

Chapter 8.12

ALARM SYSTEMS

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8.12.010 False alarm defined.

“False alarm” means any alarm activated by negligence, unintentional acts by someone other than an intruder, animals, inanimate objects, weather, as well as inadvertence or malfunction of the alarm device or related equipment except for such activation caused by a power failure or an act of God. (Prior code § 3-17.1)

8.12.020 Applicability.

A. This chapter shall apply to any individual who is the owner or tenant of a residence, to any individual, partnership or corporation that owns, operates or releases any business, office, warehouse or any other commercial or professional entity wherein a security alarm device for police or fire protection designed to summon the police or fire department to any location in response to any type of alarm signal.

B. Said individual, partnership, corporation or other commercial or professional entity shall register with the police department the following information:

1. The name, address and telephone number of an emergency contact person or persons;
2. The name, address and telephone number of the security alarm server and/or control center; and

3. A description of the security alarm systems. (Ord. 3-1999 § 1; Ord 4-1997 § 1 (part): prior code § 3-17.2)

8.12.030 Violations—Penalties.

Anyone described under Section 8.12.020 who is aware that an alarm signal is false must notify the East Greenwich Township police department or the fire department immediately. In the event the security alarm system is monitored with the signal first going to a message sending bank that intercepts the signal before the police or fire are notified must be advised that the alarm is false. Any alarm intercepted before the police department or fire department is notified shall not be considered a false alarm for the purposes of this chapter. The chief of police shall designate an officer to keep a record and investigate all false alarms on file. For such false alarms wherein the police department or fire department are notified by electric signal or telephonic communication, the following penalties will be assessed:

A. There shall be no penalty for the first six false alarms recorded by either the police department or the fire department during any calendar year.

B. Each subsequent false alarm up to twelve (12) recorded during any calendar year shall result in a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each separate reported false alarm.

C. Each subsequent false alarm over twelve (12) recorded during any calendar year shall result in a fine of one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each separate reported false alarm.

D. Each reported false alarm beyond the first six reported false alarms shall result in the police department issuing a summons for the violation setting forth the property in

question and the date of the alleged violation.
A court appearance is not mandatory unless
the matter is contested. (Prior code § 3-17.3)

**EAST GREENWICH TOWNSHIP
MANDATORY ALARM REGISTRATION FORM**

TYPE OF ACCOUNT: PRIVATE: **(Y)** _____ **(N)** _____ COMMERCIAL: **(Y)** _____ **(N)** _____

OTHER (SPECIFY): _____

PROPERTY OWNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TENANT (IF APPLICABLE): _____

ACTUAL PROTECTED PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER AT LOCATION: _____

TYPE OF SYSTEM (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY): DIGITAL: (PANIC) (CRIMINAL) (FIRE) (EMS)

DIALER: (PANIC) (CRIMINAL) (FIRE) (EMS)

OTHER (SPECIFY): _____

ALARM COMPANY/EMERGENCY CONTACT (24 HOUR ACCESS): _____

EMERGENCY PROPERTY ACCESS CONTACTS (PEOPLE WITH KEYS):

	Name	Address	Phone
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

DOG(S) ON PROPERTY? **(Y)** _____ **(N)** _____ BREED(S): _____

FIREARM(S) ON PREMISES? **(Y)** _____ **(N)** _____ SECURED? **(Y)** _____ **(N)** _____

IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE LOCATION(S), DESCRIPTION(S): _____

Notes: _____

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