

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1279; ESTABLISHING THE RECOGNIZED REMOTE STATION PROTECTIVE SIGNALING SYSTEM OF THE MUNICIPALITY AND THE PUBLIC FIRE SERVICE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM OF THE MUNICIPALITY, AND REGULATING ALARM SYSTEM CONNECTION THERETO; REGULATING THE SALES, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, MONITORING AND USE OF OPERATIVE ALARM SYSTEM; AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 829 AS AMENDED

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Municipality of Monroeville, in Council assembled as follows:

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Monroeville deems it necessary for the purpose of assuring adequate public safety to protect its citizens and general public and structures within the confines of the Municipality from the damages of fire, robbery and burglary and does hereby enact the following:

Section 1: The following definitions apply for purposes of this Ordinance:

- A. "Alarm system" means any device designed for the detection of an unauthorized entry on the premises, unlawful act, fire or any emergency that alerts a municipal organization of its own commission or occurrence and when activated gives a signal, either visual, audible, or both; or transmits or causes to be transmitted a signal.
- B. "Local system" means a system that gives a signal, either visual, audible or both, on the interior or exterior portion of the property/business, but does not leave that structure/business by wire or radio wave to a remote receiving location:
- C. "Medical alarm" means any device which, when activated gives a signal, either visual, audible, or both; or transmits or causes to be transmitted a signal to signify the need for emergency medical services personnel.
- D. "Nuisance alarm" means any alarm signal that alerts a municipal organization, which is not the result of an actual or threatened emergency requiring their immediate response. Nuisance alarms include negligently or accidentally activated signals; signals which are the result of faulty, malfunctioning, or improperly installed or maintained equipment; signals which are purposely activated to summon emergency services in non-emergency situations; and alarm signals for which the actual cause is not determined.
- E. "Tape dialer" means an electronic device which is interconnected to a telephone line and is programmed to select a pre-determined telephone number and transmit a pre-recorded voice message of an alarm condition.
- F. "Silent alarm" means any alarm system which gives a signal by wire or radio wave but does not trigger a local bell, siren or other sounding device.
- G. "Visual alarm" means any alarm system which gives a lighted signal upon activation.

- H. "Audible alarm" means any alarm system which triggers a local bell, siren or other sounding device upon activation.
- I. "Single unit signaling equipment" means any self contained sensing and signaling device which does not send a signal by wire or radio wave.
- J. "Digital communicator" means an electronic device which is interconnected to a telephone line and is programmed to select a pre-determined telephone number and transmit a coded signal.
- K. "Central station system" means a system or group of systems, the operations of which are signaled to, recorded in, maintained and supervised from an approved central station, in which there are competent and experienced observers and operators in attendance at all times whose duty it shall be, upon receipt of a signal, to take such action as shall be required under the rules established for their guidance. Such systems shall be controlled and operated by a person, firm, or corporation whose principal business is the furnishing and maintaining of supervised protective signaling service and who has no interest in the protected properties.
- L. "Auxilliary alarm system" means a connection to the municipal alarm system to transmit an alarm to the communication center of the Municipality.
- M. "Remote station protective signaling system" means a system of electrically supervised circuits employing a direct circuit connection between signaling devices at the protected premises and signal receiving equipment in a remote station, such as a municipal communication center or fire alarm headquarters, or other location acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.
- N. "Proprietary protective signaling system" means a protective signaling system under constant supervision by competent and experienced personnel in a central supervising station at the property protected. The system includes equipment and other facilities required to permit the operators to test and operate the system and, upon receipt of a signal, to take such action as shall be required under the rules established for their guidance by the authority having jurisdiction. The system shall be maintained and tested by owner personnel or an organization satisfactory to the authority having jurisdiction. Noncontiguous properties under a single ownership may be considered as the "property" and be connected to a single central supervising station.
- O. "Public fire service communications system" means a municipal fire alarm system, telephone facilities and fire department radio facilities, all of which fulfill two principal functions: that of receiving fire alarms or other emergency calls from the public and that of retransmitting these alarms and emergency calls to fire companies and other interested agencies.
- P. "Communication Center" means the building or portion of a building used to house the central operating part of the alarm system; usually the place where the necessary testing, switching, receiving, retransmitting and power supply devices are located, and is the public safety answering point of the Municipality.

- Q. "Household warning system" means a system of devices that produce an audible alarm signal in the household for the purpose of notifying the occupants of the presence of an emergency so they may evacuate the premises.
- R. "Hardwire" means an electrically supervised direct dedicated circuit between the protected premises and the alarm monitoring point.
- S. "Public safety answering point" means a communication center that serves the consolidated incoming and outgoing communication needs of the emergency medical service, the fire service, the police service, and other emergency services of the Municipality.

Section 2: Section 1 of Ordinance 829 shall be amended to read as follows:

Ordinance 684 and 685 which adopted the BOCA Basic Building Code and BOCA Basic Fire Prevention Code are hereby amended by the adoption of the 1975 BOCA Basic Building and Fire Prevention Code and it is intended that the said 1975 codes shall be utilized for regulating all matters to which the said codes are applicable.

Section 3: The Municipality of Monroeville Public Safety Communications Center is hereby established as the recognized remote station protective signaling system of the Municipality, public fire service communication system of the Municipality, and the public safety answering point of the Municipality.

Section 4: Single unit signaling equipment is exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 5: Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity engaged in selling, installing, and/or maintaining any alarm system in the Municipality of Monroeville or engaged in monitoring any non-BOCA fire alarm system of the Municipality shall obtain an annual permit from the Municipality of Monroeville to engage in such activity. Said permit shall contain the identity, the principal place (address) of business and telephone number of the permittee; the identities of all employees doing work in the Municipality; and the name of the permittee's bonding company, if any. The annual fee for said permit shall be \$25.00, except that the fee may be waived in the case of those entities installing and/or maintaining their own proprietary alarm system which is not required by the provisions of the 1975 BOCA Building and Fire Prevention Code. All subject systems shall be reported to Municipality.

Section 6: Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity having a UL listed central station and desiring to monitor any BOCA required fire alarm system in the Municipality of Monroeville shall apply for an annual permit from the Municipality of Monroeville to become a recognized central station of the jurisdiction. If issued, said permit shall contain the identity, the principal place (address) of business and telephone number of the permittee, the identities of all employees doing work arising in the Municipality; and the name of the permittee's bonding company, if any. The annual fee for said permit shall be \$25.00. A recognized central station of the jurisdiction shall provide at no cost to the Municipality two separate methods of transmitting signals to the public safety communication center of the Municipality. All subject systems shall be reported to the Municipality. The two separate methods of transmission shall be as follows:

- A. The primary system shall consist of the following:
1. An electrically supervised circuit provided with suitable voice transmitting, receiving and automatic recording equipment, or
 2. An electrically supervised circuit provided with suitable code sending and automatic recording equipment.
- B. The secondary system shall consist of one of the following:
1. A nonsupervised telephone circuit that cannot be used for any other purpose, or
 2. Where the primary system is provided with an acknowledgment means, a commercial unlisted telephone without dial at municipal alarm receiving point may be used.
- C. When alarm signals are transmitted to the public safety communications center of the Municipality and simultaneously to the central station over circuits complying with paragraph 1146 of NFPA 71 and automatically recorded, confirmation may be given the public safety communication center of the Municipality over a regular commercial telephone.
- D. Reports of alarm signals received by a recognized central station of the jurisdiction shall be furnished to the public safety communication center of the Municipality by means of an approved digital communicator reporting to the public safety communication center of the Municipality from the protected premise located within the Municipality. ..
- E. All recognized central stations of the jurisdiction shall meet the requirements of this section regardless of the number of alarm systems within the Municipality being monitored by any recognized central station.
- F. No central station shall be eligible for recognition by the Municipality unless it is UL listed.

Section 7: Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity owning, possessing and/or using an operative alarm system in the Municipality of Monroeville shall register said system with the Municipality of Monroeville and receive a permit for said system. The permit shall contain the name, principal address and telephone number of the permittee; address where the alarm is installed; type of alarm system; identity and address of signaling equipment manufacturer; and names, addresses and telephone numbers of persons to contact in an emergency. The registration permit fee shall be \$25.00 and the permit shall be effective for the duration of the possession and/or use of the system by the original permittee.

Section 8: Specific requirements pertaining to the connection of various types of alarm systems to the Municipal Public Safety Communications Center shall be as follows:

- A. All fire signaling protective annunciating devices, units or systems as required by 1975 BOCA Basic Building and Fire Prevention Codes shall be connected in the manner prescribed by NFPA Standard 72C of 1974 or by section 6 of this ordinance to the recognized remote station protective signaling system of the Municipality at an annual permit fee of \$240.00.
- B. All fire signaling protective annunciating devices, units or systems not required by 1975 BOCA Basic Building and Fire Prevention Codes may connect to the Public Fire Service Communication System of the Municipality by means of a digital communicator or by means of an approved supervised hardwire connection at an annual fee of \$240.00.
- C. All hold-up alarms shall connect to the public safety communication center of the Municipality. Hold-up alarms may be connected by digital communicator or by means of an approved supervised hardwire connection at an annual permit fee of \$240.00.
- D. Any burglary alarm may connect to the Public Safety Communication Center of the Municipality by means of a digital communicator or by means of an approved supervised hardwire connection at an annual permit fee of \$240.00.
- E. Any emergency medical alarm may connect to the Public Safety Communication Center of the Municipality by means of a digital communicator or by means of an approved supervised hardwire connection at an annual permit fee of \$240.00.
- F. In the event one given alarm system reports more than one type of alarm condition by means of a single connection, then only one permit shall be required for that connection.

Section 9: Alarm equipment shall meet standards established by Underwriters Laboratory, Factory Mutual Insurance Association, or Factory Insurance Association.

Section 10: No fire alarm may be installed contrary to the provisions of the 1975 BOCA Basic Building Code, Fire Prevention Code and NFPA Standard 1221 of 1980. No alarm may be installed contrary to the provisions of the National Electrical Code. Further, all local alarms shall be equipped with an automatic reset after one half hour of alarm status and have another secure means of being reset. No tape dialers may be sold, installed or used in Monroeville which are programmed to dial the Monroeville emergency service telephone number.

Section 11: Any more than two (2) nuisance (false) alarms per ninety (90) day period from a fire alarm system shall be subject to the penalties established by the 1975 BOCA Fire Prevention Code. There shall be a fine of \$25.00 per occurrence for the unauthorized resetting of an alarm system from alarm to secure condition. Any nuisance (false) alarm from a non-fire alarm system shall be subject to the penalties established by Ordinance No. 752 of 1971.

Section 12: The Deputy Municipal Manager or Monroeville Fire Official may order a test of a fire alarm system at any time; the Chief of Police or the Deputy Municipal Manager may order a test of any non-fire alarm system at any time during normal business hours or after a real or nuisance alarm has occurred.

Section 13: In addition to other authority, with thirty (30) days written notice, the Monroeville Fire Official or Deputy Municipal Manager may revoke or suspend any fire alarm system permit issued pursuant hereto upon determining:

- A. That the application for the permit contains a statement of material fact which is false; or
- B. That the permittee has failed to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance or other related administrative regulations, ordinances, resolutions, or statutes; or
- C. That an alarm system is negligently installed, used or maintained. More than twelve (12) nuisance alarms within any 365 day period shall be one measure of negligent use and/or maintenance.

Section 14: In addition to other authority, with thirty (30) days written notice, the Chief of Police or the Deputy Municipal Manager may revoke or suspend any non-fire permit issued pursuant hereto upon determining:

- A. That the application for the permit contains a statement of material fact which is false; or
- B. That the permittee has failed to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance or other related administrative regulations, ordinances, resolutions or statutes; or
- C. That an alarm system is negligently installed, used or maintained. More than twelve (12) nuisance alarms within any 365 day period shall be one measure of negligent use and/or maintenance.

Section 15: Upon thirty (30) days notice, in writing, from the Fire Official or Deputy Municipal Manager to comply with the provisions of the Ordinance regarding fire alarm systems any person/firm/partnership or corporation failing to meet the provisions of the ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$300.00 per day upon being found in violation of this Ordinance after a hearing before the local District Magistrate. Upon thirty (30) days notice, in writing, from the Deputy Municipal Manager or the Chief of Police to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance relating to non-fire alarm systems any person/firm/partnership or corporation failing to meet the provisions of the ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$300.00 per day upon being found in violation of this Ordinance after a hearing before the local District Magistrate.

Section 16: Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed, interpreted or applied to abrogate, nullify or abolish any law, ordinance or code adopted by the Municipality governing the construction, alteration, addition, repair, removal, demolition, use, location, occupancy and maintenance of alarms specifically provided herein when any provision of this ordinance is found to be in conflict with any building, zoning, safety, health or other applicable law, ordinance or code of the Municipality existing on the effective date of this ordinance or hereafter adopted, the provision of which established the higher standard for the promotion and protection of the safety and welfare of the public shall prevail.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 13th day of April, 1982.

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ATTEST:

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

S/ Marshall W. Bond
Municipal Manager

S/ Michael P. Lynch
Mayor