

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF ALARM SYSTEMS
AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES IN VIOLATION THEREOF
WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF MILLSTONE, COUNTY OF
SOMERSET AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Millstone, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Definitions. As used in this ordinance, the following words shall be defined as set forth thereafter:

a. Alarm System. Any type of alarm actuating equipment with the purpose of giving visual or audible warning, or a silent alarm as hereinafter defined of burglary, intrusion, fire, smoke, flood or like perils.

b. False Alarm. Any alarm or signal of an alarm device actuated by inadvertence, negligence or intentional or unintentional act of a person other than an intruder, and including alarms by mechanical failure, malfunction or improper installation of the alarm device and related equipment. False alarm shall not include activations caused by power or phone line interruptions.

c. Silent Alarm. Any type of alarm system which does not give any visual or audible warning which can be heard by the general public but rather only gives a signal to a third party such as police or security monitoring system, of burglary, intrusion, fire, smoke, flood or like perils.

2. Application. The provisions of this ordinance and penalties for violation of it shall apply to any person, who operates, maintains or owns any alarm system within the Borough of Millstone.

3. Non-residential Alarm Systems. All non-residential uses within the Borough utilizing an alarm system shall use only a silent alarm system. It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any alarm system of a non-residential use within the Borough of Millstone to give a visual or audible warning, signal or sound which can be heard by the general public.

4. Duration of Alarm Signal. It shall be a violation of this ordinance for the warning signal or sound from an alarm system to exceed thirty minutes in duration.

5. False Alarms. It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any alarm system to signal more than three false alarms within one calendar year which result in the summoning of police or fire officials to investigate. The Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to maintain records showing the number of false alarms and such record shall give rise to a presumption that the false alarms occurred as recorded therein. Further, the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to issue to any operator, maintainer or owner of an alarm system within the Borough that generates a false alarm that the happening of three false alarms within one calendar year constitutes a violation of this ordinance.

6. Penalties. A conviction for a violation of this section shall result in the penalty of not more than \$500.00, 90 days imprisonment or both.

7. Effectiveness. This ordinance shall become effective 90 days after final adoption and publication as required by law.

Juganne Soudakowski
MAYOR

Attest:

Ronda D. Brown
Clerk

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