



HUNTSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF HUNTSVILLE
ALARM MANAGEMENT UNIT
815 WHEELER AVENUE; HUNTSVILLE, AL 35804



CITY OF HUNTSVILLE ALARM ORDINANCE 98-701 (Revised)
Summary

PURPOSE

The purpose of City of Huntsville Ordinance 98-701 is to encourage residential and commercial alarm users, and alarm businesses (sales, installation, customer service and/or monitoring) to maintain operational reliability, understand proper uses of alarm systems, and limit unnecessary Police response to false alarms. This Ordinance governs burglary, robbery, panic and duress alarm systems, requires permits, establishes fees, provides for penalties and violations, establishes a system of administration, and encourages proper use thereof.

DEFINITION

False alarm shall mean an alarm notification or dispatch summoning the Police Department to the location of an active alarm where the responding officer after having completed an inspection of the interior and/or exterior of the premises finds no evidence of criminal activity or attempts of criminal activity.

ALARM PERMIT

It is unlawful to operate a non-permitted alarm system or contract to do business with an alarm company not registered with the HPD Alarm Unit.

Alarm companies must permit/register the alarm system at time of installation, conversion takeover, or service. Self-Installed systems must be registered by home owner/business owner prior to activation. Permit is not transferable in name, ownership or location. Permit holders are responsible to keep HPD Alarm Unit advised of any changes on the registration form. Permits are valid for twelve calendar months. It is the responsibility of the alarm user to renew alarm permits annually.

FINES AND PENALTIES

An alarm user or master permit holder for an apartment complex shall be subject to warnings and fines in correspondence with the number of unexcused false alarm notifications (FAN) emitted from an alarm system within a twelve month period. See below schedule:

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| 1. First thru Fourth | Warning only |
| 2. Fifth and Sixth FAN | \$25 Fine |
| 3. Seventh thru Ninth FAN | \$50 Fine |
| 4. Tenth and subsequent FAN | \$100 Fine |

Non-permitted or expired permits are subject to \$50 fine in addition to \$50 for every unexcused FAN.

EXCUSED FAN

- Alarm activation signal caused by extreme weather conditions which cause damage to the premises or alarm system. Such damage must be clearly established and must be verified by the Alarm Officer.
- Intermittent disruption of the telephone circuit which is beyond the control of the alarm company and/or the alarm user.
- Electrical power disruption or failure that exceeds two hours in duration.
- Alarms caused by failure of the alarm equipment. Alarm user must provide written proof of repair of the alarm equipment to the Alarm Officer.

HPD dispatch does not accept alarm cancellations from alarm users. ALL alarm cancellations must be submitted by alarm monitoring company.