BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
APPLICATION FOR ALARM PERMIT

1. APPLICANT NAME: _____
   ADDRESS: _____
   TELEPHONE #: _____

2. PREMISES ALARMED: _____
   ADDRESS: _____

Are there two or more buildings on one alarm? YES _____ or NO _____

3. NAME OF ALARM CO: _____
   ADDRESS: _____
   TELEPHONE #: _____

4. NAME OF ALARM INSTALLER: _____
   ADDRESS: _____
   TELEPHONE #: _____

5. ALARM TYPE: BURGLAR _____ PRESSURE _____ TELEPHONE ___
   AUDIBLE _____ OTHER _____
   IF ALARM IS CENTRAL, NAME LOCATION OF OFFICE THAT RECEIVES ALARM: _____
   IF AUDIBLE, RESET TIME: _____
   (NOTE: ALL AUDIBLES MUST AUTOMATICALLY RESET MAXIMUM 15 MINUTES)

6. PLEASE LIST IN ORDER OF PRIORITY PERSONS WHO HAVE KEY(S) TO PREMISES TO BE CONTACTED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.
   Name: _____ Telephone # _____
   Address: _____ Title _____

   Name: _____ Telephone # _____
   Address: _____ Title _____

NOTE: RESIDENCE MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH HOUSE NUMBER VISIBLE FOR RESPONDING PATROLS.....

FEE PAID: $ _____ DATE ISSUED: _____

ALARM PERMIT NUMBER ISSUED: _____

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Chapter 8.08

ALARM SYSTEMS

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8.08.010 Findings and declarations.

The township does find and declare that:

A. The occupants of numerous residential and commercial establishments in the township have found it desirable to make provision for the installation upon their premises of alarm systems for emergencies such as burglary.

B. There have been a substantial number of false alarms associated with the alarm systems which have been installed within the township so that the number of false alarms has resulted in a situation that, if not remedied, will lead to an unnecessary drain upon the manpower, time, space, facilities and finances of the township and its police department, and to the deterioration of the quality of service to persons subscribing to alarm system services and inequities among the alarm businesses operating in the township.

C. The public interest, therefore, requires the enactment of rules, regulations, standards and procedures to regulate and control the alarm business in the township. (Ord. 1989-3 § 1 (part); prior code § 3-13.1)

8.08.020 Purpose.

This chapter has as its purpose the regulating and control of the installation, operation and maintenance of private alarm systems as defined herein within the township in order to ensure that the quality of alarm services rendered to the public will be maintained at a high level and to alleviate conditions otherwise leading to an unnecessary drain on the manpower, time, space, facilities and finances of the township and its police department. (Ord. 1989-3 § 1 (part); prior code § 3-13.2)

8.08.030 Scope.

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to any alarm business or alarm user, as defined herein, and to any person who owns or controls any building, structure or facility wherein an alarm device or alarm system is to be installed and maintained, subject to exceptions set forth in Section 8.08.080. (Ord. 1989-3 § 1 (part); prior code § 3-13.3)

8.08.040 Definitions.

"Alarm business" means any business operated by a person, partnership, corporation, etc., for profit which engages in the activity of altering, installing, leasing, maintaining, repairing, replacing, selling, servicing or responding to a fire or burglar alarm system, or which causes any of these activities to take place. Excluded from this definition, however, are retail establishments which sell alarm sys-

tems over the counter and do not service same.

"Alarm device" means any type of alarm-activating equipment which provides warning of burglary, intrusion, flood or like peril. Excluded are devices which provide warning exclusively of fire.

"Alarm system" means the installation in one or more buildings of one or more alarm devices for the express purpose of giving visual and or audible warning or an emergency such as burglary, intrusion, flood or like peril.

"Alarm user" means any person, firm, partnership association, corporation, company or organization of any kind in control of any building, structure or facility wherein an alarm device or alarm system is maintained.

"False alarm" means an alarm signal eliciting a response by police when a situation requiring a response by police does not in fact exist (but excluding an alarm signal caused by violent conditions of nature or other extraordinary circumstances not reasonably subject to control by the alarm business or alarm user). (Ord. 1989-3 § 1 (part); prior code § 3-13.4)

8.08.050 Registration of alarm system.

No person shall install, operate or maintain any alarm system unless the alarm system has been registered with the police department. An alarm system shall be deemed registered at such time as a registration form supplied by the police department is completed as to all information requested therein. Among the information to be provided on the registration form is the following: (a) the name, address, telephone number of the owner of the property upon which the alarm system is installed; (b) the name of the installer of the system; (c) the type of system; (d) a list of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the person(s) to be contacted in the event of an alarm or in an emergency situation determined by the police department; (e) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the persons or company maintaining the alarm system. No further renewal registration shall be required unless and until there has occurred any material change in the information previously submitted with respect to any alarm system; in which event it shall be the duty of the user of the alarm system, within ten (10) days of such material change, to file a supplemental or revised registration containing accurate, current information. A one-time fee as set forth in Section 3.20.010 shall accompany each registration form. All pre-existing alarm systems shall comply with the requirements of this section by August 1, 1989. (Ord. 1989-3 § 1 (part); prior code § 3-13.5)

8.08.060 General provisions regarding installation, activation and operation of alarm system.

A. Each alarm system shall be installed utilizing discrete circuitry for multipurpose alarm systems to insure appropriate emergency response.

B. Any alarm system which requires for its operation electricity supplied by a public utility may be equipped with a battery rendering it operable in the event of a power outage if so desired by the property owner. Such a battery back-up system shall only be required for any alarm system which will trigger itself automatically in the event of a power outage.

C. Every alarm system must be provided with a device which will shut off the alarm after fifteen (15) minutes of activation.

D. Every alarm system shall be equipped with a time delay of at least fifteen (15) seconds which may include an audible signal of

the same length of time, said time delay to be designed to prevent accidental activation of the system. The fifteen (15) second audible signal, if utilized, shall be audible only within the structure and not externally

E. No alarm system shall be connected directly or indirectly to the police department without the express written consent of the chief of police.

F. No person shall install, cause to be installed or permit to be installed, any alarm device, by whatever name known, which automatically selects a telephone line dedicated to the police department for the purpose of playing a recorded message to report any emergency.

G. In the event an alarm system, other than a fire or holdup alarm system, is tied into and/or serviced by a central station or answering service, upon activation of said alarm system, the central station or answering service shall verify the validity of the alarm prior to notifying the police department of same.

H. No police, fire or other public department or official shall be responsible in any way for the resetting or maintenance of any alarm system.

I. No alarm business or person owning, using or possessing an alarm system shall cause or permit the giving of repeated false alarms, whether intentional, accidental or otherwise.

J. Any alarm business or person owning, using or possessing an alarm system who may want to know about a response to any alarm by the police department shall contact the department. The police department will not contact automatically any such person or answering service to advise them concerning the result of the department's response to any alarm.

K. An alarm business having knowledge of same shall be responsible for notifying the police department when one of its customers possessing an alarm system sells his property. The alarm business shall notify the police department as to the name of the new owner and whether or not the new owner is continuing with an alarm device or system within the property.

L. A homeowner possessing or using an alarm system shall also be responsible for notifying the police department of the sale of his or her property. The homeowner shall notify the police department as to the name of the new owner and whether or not the new owner is continuing with an alarm device or system within the property. (Ord. 1989-3 § 1 (part); prior code § 3-13.6)

8.08.070 Confidentiality.

All information submitted in compliance with this chapter shall be held in the strictest confidence and shall be deemed a record exempt from public disclosure pursuant to state statute. Any violation of confidentiality shall be deemed a violation of this chapter. (Ord. 1989-3 § 1 (part); prior code § 3-13.7)

8.08.080 Exceptions.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any alarm system or alarm device installed on property occupied by any township, county or state or federal government agency or office, nor to a fire alarm system or alarm device. (Ord. 1989-3 § 1 (part); prior code § 3-13.8)

8.08.090 Penalties for owners and users of alarm systems or alarm devices.

A. Any person who fails to register an alarm system as required by this ordinance is subject to a fifty dollar ($50.00) fine.

B. Any owner or user of an alarm system which experiences more than three false alarms within any one-year period shall be required to modify or improve said alarm system with a retrofit which will incorporate into said system a mandatory audible fifteen-second signal which shall be designed to prevent accidental activation of the system, and shall also be subject to a fifty dollar ($50.00) fine for each false alarm after three up to six. Any owner or user of an alarm system which experiences more than six false alarms within any one-year period shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars ($100.00) for each false alarm for the remainder of the one-year period or for ninety (90) days, whichever is greater; provided, that any false alarms which occur during the first sixty (60) days after an alarm system is installed shall not be subject to this subsection.

C. Any alarm user who installs an alarm system not in compliance with this chapter is subject to a fine of fifty dollars ($50.00), and in addition, may be required to repair or remove such alarm system. (Ord. 1989-3 § 1 (part); prior code § 3-13.9)

8.08.100 Penalty for intentional false alarm.

Any person who intentionally causes the giving of a false alarm shall be in violation of this ordinance and subject to a penalty of not less than two hundred dollars ($200.00) nor more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) for each such offense. (Ord. 1989-3 § 1 (part); prior code § 3-13.10)