

LOMBARD POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Chief Ray Byrne

FROM: Deputy Chief Pat Rollins

DATE: March 18, 2004

SUBJECT: Amendments to the Village's Alarm Systems Ordinance

The Lombard Police Department has been proactive in reducing the number of false alarms that our officers respond to each year. In 1998, The Lombard Police Department along with a few other Illinois agencies piloted the reduction of false burglar alarms in cooperation with the alarm industry and alarm users by participating in the model states alarm program. We continue to make strides in reducing the number of false alarms in our community. In 1998 we had 918 alarm users identified in our computer system. Today that number has grown to 1,707. Commercial combined with residential alarm locations is close to doubling in size in the past 7 years.

Police response to false alarms is costly and continues to burden officer availability to handle other service and emergency calls. Although alarm technology has changed dramatically in the past several years, the continued response to repeat violators continues to tax our resources. Many communities are addressing this through increased fines for those locations that habitually have false alarms.

Sgt. Spika conducted a survey of other police agencies and the fines levied for false burglar alarms. (See attached sheet) Staff is in agreement in increasing our fines and in addition to offering one more free false alarm response per year.

Current fine

1-2 false alarms per year - free
3-4 false alarms per year -\$25 per false alarm
5-10 false alarms per year-\$50 per false alarm
More than 10 -\$100 per false alarm

Pro-posed new fines

1-3 false alarms per year -free
4-8 false alarms per year -\$100 per false alarm
9-10 false alarms per year - \$200 per false alarm
11+ false alarms per year - \$300 per false alarm

Village Attorney Tom Bayer has drafted the revised ordinance with the fine schedule and additional language adding subsection (b).

I would respectfully request that you forward this proposed amended ordinance to the Village Board of Trustees for adoption.

FAAP Alarm Project Summary

Lombard Police Department (IL-0221300)

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False Alarms By Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total F/A	Accounts
2004 Commerical	151	92	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	286	1016
2004 Residential	11	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	691
2004 Totals	162	100	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	311	1707

2003 Commerical	133	102	130	100	89	96	88	82	78	93	107	113	1211	1000
2003 Residential	23	13	11	13	10	13	12	12	10	14	12	12	155	679
2003 Totals	156	115	141	113	99	109	100	94	88	107	119	125	1366	1679

1998 Commerical	111	103	118	135	134	137	141	138	143	126	134	153	1573	523
1998 Residential	16	16	20	18	23	24	24	17	22	19	29	16	244	395
1998 Totals	127	119	138	153	157	161	165	155	165	145	163	169	1817	918

Accounts		
Current Commercial Accounts	1016	59.52%
Current Residential Accounts	691	40.48%
Total Current Accounts	1707	100.00%

F/A Totals			Reductions / (Increases)	
Base Year	1998	1817	F/A	%
Prev Year	2003	1366	451	24.82%
Base Year YTD	1998	384		
Current Year YTD	2004	311	73	19.01%

Alarm Companies Identified	
Have Alarm Companies Identified	1483
Alarm Company Unknown	210
Have No Alarm Company	1
Total Active Alarm Systems	1694
No Current Alarm System Active	13

F/A Per System Per Year	1998	2003	2004†
Commercial	3.01	1.21	1.13
Residential	0.62	0.23	0.14
Commercial and Residential	1.98	0.81	0.73

Total Alarm Systems Tracked 1707

Commercial Alarm Breakdown	Acnts 1998	F/A 1998	Factor 1998	Acnts 2003	F/A 2003	Factor 2003	Acnts 2004	F/A 2004†	Factor 2004†
Central Station Connected	522	1567	3.00	999	1210	1.21	1015	1144	1.13
Direct Police Connected	1	6	6.00	1	1	1.00	1	0	0.00
Combined Total	523	1573	3.01	1000	1211	0.62	1016	1144	1.13

† Current Year is Annualized

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 11, CHAPTER 113 OF THE LOMBARD VILLAGE CODE IN REGARD TO ALARM SYSTEMS

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: That Title 11, Chapter 113, Section 113.09 of the Lombard Village Code is amended by revising the reference therein to, “two (2) false alarms,” to read , “three (3) false alarms.”

SECTION 2: That Title 11, Chapter 113, Section 113.10 of the Lombard Village Code is amended by revising the first paragraph thereof to read in its entirety as follows:

“The Chief of Police shall not charge an alarm user permit holder for the first three (3) false alarms during any Calendar Year. A false alarm fee of one hundred and no/100 dollars (\$100.00) for each false alarm in excess of three (3) but less than nine (9) in any Calendar Year, transmitted by an alarm system or local alarm system, shall be charged to the holder of the alarm user permit. A false alarm fee of two hundred and no/100 dollars (\$200.00) for each false alarm in excess of eight (8) but less than eleven (11) in any Calendar Year, transmitted by an alarm system or local alarm system, shall be charged to the holder of the alarm user permit. A false alarm fee of three hundred and no/100 dollars (\$300.00) for each false alarm in excess of ten (10) in any Calendar Year, transmitted by an alarm system or local alarm system, shall be charged to the holder of the alarm user permit. Such false alarm fees shall be payable to the Village of Lombard.”

SECTION 3: That Title 11, Chapter 113, Section 113.14 of the Lombard Village Code is amended by labeling the current provisions thereof as subsection (A), and by adding a new subsection (B) thereto which shall read in its entirety as follows:

“(B) Registration of an alarm system or local alarm system is not intended to, nor will it, create a contract, duty or obligation either expressed or implied, of response by the Village. Any and all liability and consequential damage resulting from the failure to respond to a notification is hereby disclaimed and governmental immunity as provided by law is retained. By registering an alarm system or local alarm system, the alarm user acknowledges that police response may be based on factors such as: availability of police units, priority of calls, weather conditions, traffic conditions, emergency conditions and staffing levels.”

SECTION 4: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

Passed on first reading this ____ day of _____, 2004.

First reading waived by action of the Board of Trustees this ____ day of _____, 2004.

Passed on second reading this ____ day of _____, 2004, pursuant to a roll call

vote as follows:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED by me this ____ day of _____, 2004.

William J. Mueller
Village President

ATTEST:

Barbara A. Johnson
Deputy Village Clerk

Published by me in pamphlet form this ____ day of _____, 2004.

Barbara A. Johnson
Deputy Village Clerk