

Request For Board Action

REFERRED TO BOARD: January 18, 2016

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Administration

SUBJECT: Consideration of an Ordinance Making Technical Corrections to the recently revised Chapter 9-6 of the Municipal Code of Antioch Relating to Emergency Alarm Systems

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:

On December 7, 2015, the Village Board approved Ordinance No. 15-12-20 repealing and replacing chapter 9-6 of the Municipal Code of Antioch and establishing new emergency alarm rules and regulations. That Ordinance was reviewed by the Village's codifiers who suggested some technical corrections that could be made to the ordinance which would improve the way in which it interrelates to the Antioch Code of Ordinances generally. None of the suggested corrections modifies the overall intent of the ordinance, but will assist the public and staff in understanding and enforcing the terms of the ordinance, which in turn will benefit the public and improve safety within the community.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. Ordinance

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Approve an Ordinance Making Technical Corrections to the recently revised Chapter 9-6 of the Municipal Code of Antioch Relating to Emergency Alarm Systems, waiving the second reading.

ORDINANCE 16-01-xx

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE
RECENTLY REVISED CHAPTER 9-6
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ANTIOCH
RELATING TO EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities recently adopted Ordinance 15-12-20 which repealed and replaced chapter 9-6 of the Municipal Code of Antioch and established new emergency alarm rules and regulations, and

WHEREAS, that Ordinance was reviewed by the Village's codifiers who suggested some technical corrections that could be made to the ordinance which would improve the way in which it interrelates to the Antioch Code of Ordinances generally, and

WHEREAS, none of the suggested corrections modifies the overall intent of the ordinance, but will assist the public and staff in understanding and enforcing the terms of the ordinance, which in turn will benefit the public and improve safety within the community, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that making the proposed corrections in the ordinance is in the public's best interests,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: Section 9-6-3 C (7) of the Antioch Municipal Code is hereby amended and it shall hereafter read as follows (additions underlined, deletions ~~stricken~~):

7. Information Shall Be Posted: No fire alarm system shall be placed in service for active response to alarm signals received by the monitoring agency without first posting the following information on or above the front of the fire control panel:
 - a) The name and phone number of the agency that monitors the fire detection system.
 - b) The position ~~of~~ and/or account number that identifies the installed system in the records of the agency that monitors the fire detection system.
 - c) The fire alarm license for the fire detection system installed.
 - d) The name and phone number of the licensed fire alarm contractor that maintains the fire detection system as required by this chapter.

SECTION TWO: Section 9-6-3 E of the Antioch Municipal Code is hereby amended and it shall hereafter read as follows (additions underlined, deletions ~~stricken~~):

E. ~~False Alarms; Additional Charges: (reserved)~~

- ~~1. False Fire Alarm Fees: Any fire detection system that produces a response to a fire alarm signal that is determined to be a false alarm as defined in this subsection 9-6-2 shall subject the licensed fire alarm user to false alarm fees as follows:
 - ~~a. Fourth false alarm during the calendar year — fee of \$50.00~~
 - ~~b. Fifth false alarm during the calendar year — fee of \$ 75.00~~
 - ~~c. Sixth false alarm or greater during the calendar year — fee of \$100.00~~~~
- ~~2. Payment of Fire Fees: The licensed fire detection system user shall be responsible for the payment of all false alarm fees assessed. Failure to remit payment for false alarm fees within ninety (90) days of the date of invoice may result in the revocation of the fire alarm user's license.~~

SECTION THREE: Section 9-6-3 F (2) of the Antioch Municipal Code is hereby amended and it shall hereafter read as follows (additions underlined, deletions ~~stricken~~):

2. Fire Alarm Systems Notification: All required automatic fire alarm systems shall have supervisory signals, and fire condition signals shall notify the Antioch Fire Department dispatch center immediately upon receipt of said alarms. Notification of premise or key holders shall occur after notification to the fire department. All trouble condition signals shall notify the premise and/or key holders upon receipt of said alarms.

SECTION FOUR: Section 9-6-5 of the Antioch Municipal Code is hereby amended and it shall hereafter read as follows (additions underlined, deletions ~~stricken~~):

9-6-5: FALSE ALARMS:

- A. Service Charges: The owner or tenant shall be charged for alarm protection malfunctions and/or false alarms generating true alarm conditions in excess of three (3) per calendar year. A service charge as set forth in section 1-3-1 of this Code shall be billed for each false alarm thereafter in any twelve (12) month period, except as provided in this chapter.
 1. Should a false alarm be transmitted by a piece of electronic equipment under service by an alarm company, there shall be no charge for a false alarm provided the alarm holder gives the village safety inspector proof that the defect is being corrected.
 2. In the event false alarms or trouble alarms continue during any twelve (12) month period, the village may direct the company maintaining the village monitoring equipment to disconnect the premises from which such false, or trouble, alarms

originate, from such equipment. Reconnection of such premises to the monitoring equipment shall not be made until all false alarm fees as set forth in section 1-3-1 of this Code, and a reconnection charge of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), have been paid to the village.

3. No person, other than a fire official, shall cause a fire alarm system to be reset once an alarm has been activated. This section will not apply to alarms generated for testing or fire drills when the village communications facilities have been notified in advance of the testing or drill.
4. Alarm system audiovisual warning devices may be silenced by the building owner/occupant, but only after a thorough search of the building has been conducted and it has been determined that no fire or other emergency exists. (~~Ord. 10-02-05, 2-16-2010~~)
5. Resetting of a fire alarm prior to the arrival of the fire department will constitute a false alarm.

B. Grace Period: Upon written request, a thirty (30) day grace period for new alarm systems or for major modification or additions to existing alarm systems shall be granted upon approval by the village safety inspector.

C. Failure to Pay / Revocation: The licensed fire detection system user shall be responsible for the payment of all false alarm fees assessed. Failure to remit payment for false alarm fees within ninety (90) days of the date of invoice may result in the revocation of the fire alarm user's license.

SECTION FIVE: Section 9-6-7A(4) of the Antioch Municipal Code is hereby amended and it shall hereafter read as follows (additions underlined, deletions ~~stricken~~):

4. False Alarm Fees for Security Systems and Burglar Alarms or Combination Alarms: Any system that produces a response to a signal from a security system or burglar alarm that requires a response from the Antioch Police or Fire Department; and said signal is determined to be a false alarm as defined in this subsection 9-6-2 shall subject the licensed fire alarm user to false alarm fees ~~as follows:~~
 - a. ~~Fourth false alarm during the calendar year - fee of \$50.00~~
 - b. ~~Fifth false alarm during the calendar year - fee of \$ 75.00~~
 - c. ~~Sixth false alarm or greater during the calendar year - fee of \$100.00~~as set forth in Section 1-3-1 of this Code.

SECTION SIX: Section 1-3-1 of the Antioch Municipal Code is hereby amended and it shall hereafter read as follows (additions underlined, deletions ~~stricken~~):

Section	Offense	First	Second	Third	Fourth
<u>9-6-3</u>	Alarm holder permits	50.00	100.00	200.00	400.00
<u>9-6-4</u>	Direct communications to village facilities	50.00	100.00	200.00	400.00
<u>9-6-5</u>	Central answering service <u>False Alarms (per call in excess of 3 per calendar year)</u>	50.00	100.00 <u>75.00</u>	200.00 <u>100.00</u>	400.00 <u>100.00</u>
<u>9-6-6</u>	Local alarms <u>Daily Test Signal</u>	50.00	100.00 <u>75.00</u>	200.00 <u>100.00</u>	400.00 <u>100.00</u>
<u>9-6-7A(1)</u>	<u>Registration</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<u>9-6-7A(4)</u>	False alarms <u>(per call in excess of 3 per calendar year)</u>	\$25.00 fourth and fifth alarms <u>50.00</u>	\$50.00 sixth alarm and beyond <u>75.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<u>9-6-8</u>	Testing equipment	50.00	100.00	200.00	400.00
<u>9-6-9</u>	Disconnection and reconnection	50.00	100.00	200.00	400.00

SECTION SEVEN: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS, ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

ATTEST:

LAWRENCE M. HANSON, MAYOR

LORI K. FOLBRICK, VILLAGE CLERK

