#### **VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH**

#### Ordinance No. 10-02-05

## AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE FIRE AND BURGLARY ALARM REGULATIONS

#### ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### OF THE

#### VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS

ON

#### **FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

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WHEREAS, the Village has had regulations dealing with fire and burglary alarms in place for many years, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board does recognizes and finds that providing direct links to the 9-1-1 emergency system will allow for faster and more efficient response times to emergency calls initiated by the said alarm systems, and thereby more effectively ensuring public safety, and

WHEREAS. the Village Board also recognizes and finds that the current regulations, which have not been materially altered for many years, are out of date with current technology and modern computer systems, and

WHEREAS, the current fee system does not adequately spread the expense of permitting. monitoring and controlling the various alarm systems within the Village, resulting in the general taxpayers being obligated to fund part of the operations expense such as responding to false alarms, initial connection expenses and periodic inspection expenses, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board further finds that rewriting the code sections dealing with the fire and burglary alarm systems in the Village will improve the ability of the emergency service agencies within the Village to connect, monitor and control the said alarm systems efficiently and within appropriate budgetary allotments so that the costs of the same will be more appropriately shared among the alarm users rather than the population generally,

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

**SECTION ONE:** 

Chapter 4 of Title VI of the Antioch Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

**SECTION TWO:** 

Title IX of the Antioch Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of a new Chapter 6, which shall hereafter read as set forth on Exhibit A hereto.

SECTION THREE: 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 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010.

AYES: 4: Pierce, Poulos, Sakas and Jozwiak.

NAYS: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Crosby and Wolczyz.

LAWRENCE M. HANSON, MAYOR

OF

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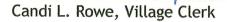
#### CERTIFICATE

I, Candi L. Rowe, certify that I am the duly appointed Municipal Clerk of the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois.

I certify that on February 16, 2010, the Corporate Authorities of such municipality passed and approved **Ordinance No. 10-02-05**, entitled "**AN ORDINANCE UPDATING FIRE AND BURGLARY ALARM REGULATIONS**" which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of **Ordinance No. 10-02-05**, including the Ordinance and cover sheet thereof, was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the municipal building, commencing on February 18, 2010, and continuing for at least ten days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

DATED at Antioch, Illinois, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.





# Chapter 6 EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEMS

#### 9-6-1: TITLE:

This chapter, including all rules and regulations which may be adopted by the village by reference or otherwise, is entitled *EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEMS*.

#### 9-6-2: DEFINITIONS:

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

ALARM HOLDER: The owner, lessor or person responsible for the existence of an alarm system within or on the premises.

ALARM SYSTEM: An assembly of equipment, components or devices arranged to signal the presence of a hazard requiring urgent attention and to which personnel of the village police and/or fire department(s) are expected to respond. Such system shall be construed to include burglar alarm systems, manual holdup alarm systems, fire detection alarm systems, fire suppression system monitoring alarm systems and local alarm systems.

APPROVED SYSTEM: Shall mean with the approval and consent of the Fire Chief of the Antioch Fire Department, Police Chief of the Antioch Police Department, or his/her designee(s).

AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS: Any automatic or manual system installed in a building to detect the presence of fire or it's by products, alerts the building's occupants by visual and audible means of the presence of a fire, and transmits the presence of an alarm condition directly or indirectly to the Fire Department.

AUTOMATIC SECURITY ALARM SYSTEMS: Any automatic or manual system installed in a building to detect the presence of an intrusion, warn of crime in progress (hold-up) by internal activation and transmit the presence of an alarm condition directly or indirectly to the Police Department.

AUTOMATIC DIALERS: An alarm system that, when activated, automatically relays over regular telephone lines (as distinguished from dedicated telephone lines) a prerecorded voice message or coded signal indicating the existence of an emergency situation.

BURGLAR ALARM: An alarm system activated by signaling an entry or attempted entry into the area protected by the alarm system.

CENTRAL ANSWERING POINT: An office or place to which alarm systems are relayed

and where operators monitor and investigate such alarm signals prior to notifying the appropriate agency of an emergency situation.

DEDICATED TELEPHONE LINE: A telephone line which has as its sole use for the transmission of an alarm signal.

DIRECT CONNECTION: A method of using a telephone line which has as its sole use the transmission of an alarm signal to a central receiving facility provided by the village.

FALSE ALARM: An alarm signal resulting from a

- 1. Mechanical failure,
- 2. Malfunction of the alarm,
- 3. Improper maintenance of the alarm system,
- 4. Willful or negligent act of a person under the control or direction of an alarm system,
- 5. Any other cause not related to an actual or attempted unauthorized entry onto the premises or to vehicles, or the commission of an unlawful act or fire emergency; provided, however, that any alarm activated by natural causes, including but not limited to tornadoes and severe windstorms, earthquakes, other acts of God, or by malicious acts of persons not under the direction or control of the alarm system's owner/lessee or any other cause clearly beyond the control of the owner/lessee of the alarm system shall not be considered a false alarm.

FIRE ALARM: An alarm system designed to detect heat or smoke, or to monitor fire suppression systems.

HOLDUP ALARM: An alarm system which is activated manually to signal a robbery or an attempted robbery.

LOCAL ALARM: An alarm system which, when activated, causes an audible of and visual signal in or on the premises that the system is designed to protect. Such alarm may or may not be a part of a system to notify an answering point.

REQUIRED SYSTEM: Any alarm system that was required to be installed by codes or ordinances that are or were enforced within the village.

SERVICE CHARGE: An assessment by the village against an alarm holder.

SUPRA-MAX ENTRY SYSTEMS: Approved key boxes, manufactured by SupraMax Corporation, that meet the specifications and approval of the Antioch Fire Department. These key boxes are for the exclusive use of the Antioch Fire Department for official and emergency purposes only.

TROUBLE INDICATION: A transmitted signal different from the alarm signal which indicates a mechanical electrical problem in the system.

WIRELESS/RADIO: A radio system with a dedicated radio frequency, which has as its sole use the transmission of an alarm signal.

VILLAGE: The village of Antioch, Lake County, state of Illinois. (1976 Code § 102.02)

#### 9-6-3: ALARM HOLDER REGISTRATION AND PERMITS:

- A. No person shall other than local alarms as defined herein, without first obtaining an alarm user permit.
- B. All applications for a permit shall be made upon forms prescribed by the village, which may be obtained at the Village police Building Department.
- C. All applications for new permits must contain the updated names of the agent, or key holder.
  - 1. All applicants, and all manufacturers and companies under contract to maintain receiving alarm equipment within facilities of the village by their several acts in applying for and in receiving permits to use the facilities, shall be deemed to have agreed that the village shall not be held liable for any alarm failure of service, and shall not be held liable for any consequential damages resulting from such failure. Further, said permit holders, upon receiving their permits, also agree thereby that the village shall not be held liable for any damage that may result from the installation, maintenance or operation of the alarm system, such installation, maintenance and operation being the sole responsibility of the alarm holder.

Further, all alarm holders, by the act of obtaining issuance of a permit to them, shall be deemed to have agreed to all of the provisions of subsections C2, C3, C4 and C5 of this section.

- 2. All applicants, by receiving a permit, agree to indemnify, defend and save harmless the village, its agents, servants and employees, and the manufacturers and companies, if any, under contract or agreement to maintain the receiving alarm equipment in the village facilities, from all claims, demands, judgments, liability, costs and expenses that may arise, in any way, as a result of utilization of the alarm connection to village facilities.
- 3. All permit holders agree that the village and the equipment manufacturers and companies under contract to maintain receiving alarm equipment within the village facilities shall not be liable for any costs or expenses of installation,

- maintenance of leased services, or any other charge or fees for any alarm equipment leased or owned by the applicant.
- 4. All new automatic fire alarm systems, new burglar alarm systems, and modifications to existing systems, shall be reviewed and approved by the Village Safety Inspector prior to installation or modification.
  - a. A minimum of three (3) sets of detailed plans & specifications shall be submitted to and a permit obtained from the Village of Antioch Building Department before any alarm system is installed, enlarged or altered.
  - b. A minimum of one (1) set of approved plans and specifications shall be at the job site at all times.
  - c. A permit application fee shall be submitted with the detailed plans. The permit fee shall be the greater of \$50.00 or 2% of the total cost of the system, including all costs of installation and connection.
  - d. All automatic fire alarm systems shall be inspected and tested in the presence of the Village Safety inspector or his/her designee before it is placed in service. A minimum notice of 48 hours shall be provided prior to the required inspection and testing.
  - e. All burglar alarm systems shall be inspected and tested in the presence of the Village Safety inspector or his/her designee before it is placed in service. A minimum notice of 48 hours shall be provided prior to the required inspection and testing.
- 5. All alarm systems, shall be registered with the Village of Antioch Building Department on a form provided. A list of at least (3) key holders including home, work and pager/telephone numbers shall be submitted. It shall be the responsibility of the owner/occupant to update this registration whenever changes occur.
- D. All applicants at the time of making application for a permit hereunder must certify that they have a system of alarm maintenance available to them on a twenty four (24) hour basis, and that an alternative power source is available to prevent false alarms due to any failure of power supplied by a utility company.
- E. The alarm holders permit application form will be reviewed by the Village Safety Inspector to determine whether the form complies with this chapter. If the Village Safety Inspector approves the form, the Village Safety Inspector shall issue a permit.
- G. Supra Max Entry System

- All new and existing occupancies having automatic fire alarm systems shall have an approved Supra Max key box installed in a location approved by the Village Safety Inspector.
- 2. The Supra Max key box shall contain all keys for locked areas of the building as required by the Village Safety Inspector or the Fire Chief. Said keys shall include, but not be limited to all areas of the building, automatic fire alarm system, and pull station resetting tool(s).
- The Antioch Fire Department shall be notified immediately of the change of locks and/or keys for the building to allow for the placement of new keys in the Supra Max key box.

#### H. Zoning of Automatic Fire Alarm Systems

If the automatic fire alarm system is not an addressable system (individual addressing for each device), the system shall be zoned as follows:

- 1. Each floor of a building shall be zoned separately and no zone shall exceed 10,000 square feet in area.
- 2. The length of any zone shall not exceed 100 feet in any direction.
- 3. Any building having multiple occupancies or tenancies shall have separate zoning for each occupancy or tenancy.
- 4. If an automatic fire suppression system (sprinkler system) is installed within the building, a white strobe light shall be installed above the fire department connection. If this strobe light is not visible from the common direction of the responding fire department, an additional white strobe light shall be installed on the front of the building nearest to the location of the fire department connection. The strobe light(s) shall be activated by water flow from the sprinkler system.
- 5. When conditions warrant, additional zoning of the fire protection system may be required by the Village Safety Inspector or the Fire Chief.

#### I. Additional Specific System Requirements

- 1. All fire alarm control panels shall be capable of silencing the audio notification signal without resetting the panel. The silencing switch shall be a single switch requiring no keys, access codes or special knowledge.
- 2. All automatic fire alarm system notification devices shall be of an approved, audio-visual type that complies with the Illinois Accessibility Code and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

- 3. All wiring shall conform to the requirements of the most current adopted editions of NFPA 72 National Fire Alarm Code and NFPA 70 National Electric Code. In addition, the minimum size for all audio-visual devices shall be 14 gauge solid wire. For all other devices, the minimum wire size shall be 18 gauge wire. The maximum voltage drop (IR) for all indicating circuits shall not exceed 10% of the rated voltage.
- 4. All smoke detectors shall have indicating lights that illuminate when the detector activates. When smoke detectors are installed in any location not visible from the floor area, remote indicating lights shall be installed in locations approved by the Village Safety Inspector.
- 5. All new and existing sprinkler system control valves and other control functions shall be equipped with electronic supervision. Supervised functions shall transmit a separate and distinct supervisory alarm. Said alarm shall automatically restore when the supervised function is returned to the normal position and shall indicate restoration at the remote alarm monitoring station.
- 6. The installation of safety guards over alarm initiating devices may be required where such devices are subject to damage or frequent malicious activation.
  - a. Safety guards include the installation of STI Stopper II (or equivalent) tamper covers that include an audible annunciation, over manual pull stations that are located in public access areas.

#### J. Vacant Buildings

- 1. Required automatic fire alarm systems shall be maintained in operational condition at all times, in accordance with this ordinance, by the building owner and/or occupant even if the building is vacant. This section of the ordinance may be waived by the Fire Chief of the Antioch Fire Department and the Village Safety Inspector if <u>ALL</u> of the following conditions are met:
  - a. The building will be vacant, void of all stock and people, for a period in excess of thirty (30) continuous calendar days; and
  - b. The structure stands alone and provides no exposure hazard to adjacent structures; and
  - c. Any required fire sprinkler system has been properly drained & disconnected; and
  - d. All utilities have been disconnected; and
  - e. Disconnection is approved, in writing, by the Fire Chief of the Antioch Fire Department and the Village Safety Inspector.

2. Required automatic fire alarm systems that have been disconnected pursuant to this section shall be restored to full service before any reoccupation of the building occurs.

#### K. Maintenance and Repair of Systems

All building owners and/or occupants shall maintain their alarm systems in good operating condition at all times.

All building owners and/or occupants shall certify that they have Alarm System Maintenance provided on a 24-hour basis and set forth the name, address and telephone number of the person rendering said service.

- 1. Every automatic fire alarm system shall be inspected annually or more frequently if required by NFPA 72, by a licensed fire alarm contractor. Systems shall be cleaned when necessary. Proof of such inspection shall be filed with the Village of Antioch Building Department within thirty (30) days of the inspection.
- 2. If a system malfunctions or otherwise requires repair, the building owner and /or occupant shall see that said repairs are performed by a licensed fire alarm contractor or electrician within twenty-four (24) hours of discovery.
- 3. Automatic fire alarm systems that transmit more than two (2) false alarms in a twenty-four (24) hour period or more than three (3) in a seven (7) day period or maybe taken out of service by the Antioch Fire Department or the Village Safety Inspector. Required automatic fire alarm systems that are taken out of service will necessitate the establishment of a human fire watch, twenty-four (24) hours per day, until the system is repaired and restored.

#### 9-6-4: DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS TO VILLAGE FACILITIES:

- A. After issuance of a permit by the Village Building Department, the holders of permits for alarms for business premises, financial institutions and residences may have such systems so installed as to terminate within the village alarm facilities.
- B. An alarm holder approved for a direct connection to village alarm facilities, or the company contracting for servicing the subscriber's alarm system, shall be responsible for obtaining the data path between the alarm holder's premises and the alarm receiving equipment, if required, in order to provide an input signal which is compatible with the receiving equipment.
- C. All signals transmitted over any wire or other data path shall be transmitted in a method compatible with the alarm receiving equipment and the requirements of the village.

- D. Such alarms shall be subject to the same provision concerning false alarms as other systems addressed herein.
- E. Each direct communication alarm system user in the village shall provide an alternative source of power for the alarm system in order to prevent false alarms due to failure of power supplied from the utility company. The alternative source of power shall have the capacity to provide power for at least twenty four (24) hours subsequent to any power failure.
- F. All alarm systems emanating from a required alarm system, shall transmit by an approved means via direct connection to the Village of Antioch 911 Center, 882 Main Street, Antioch, IL 60002.
- G. All alarm systems installed within the village limits, shall meet the requirements of all codes adopted and enforced within the Village of Antioch. All fire alarm systems shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 72 (National Fire Alarm Code), NFPA Standard 70 (National Electric Code), NFPA Standard 101 (Life Safety Code), International Building Code, and International Fire Code.
- H. If there is any conflict between the language of this Ordinance and the language of the aforementioned codes and standards mentioned in item G, the most restrictive shall apply.
- I. Systems that transmit alarms via recorded or digital voices shall be prohibited. No alarm systems shall be programmed to directly dial 9-1-1 or other emergency and/or non-emergency number of the Village of Antioch 911 Center.

#### 9-6-5: CENTRAL ANSWERING SERVICE:

Upon approval of an application for permit, an alarm holder may utilize an alarm system connected to a central answering point other than the village's facility. The operator of such answering point shall first attempt to determine the validity of an alarm signal and, if unable to do so, shall notify the police department whether the signal is believed to be a valid or a genuine alarm.

Non-required systems may transmit alarm signals via digital communicator or other approved means to a UL listed central station. All alarm signals received by the central station must be relayed to the Village of Antioch 911 Center via the public switched telephone network at (847) 395-8585 or at such number that may be established from time to time. A copy of the current UL listing for the central station alarm receiving location shall be on file at the Village of Antioch Building Department 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL 60002.

#### 9-6-6: LOCAL ALARMS:

Local alarms shall have an automatic shutoff which will deactivate any sound or visible signal within ten (10) minutes after activation of the alarm. In the event that such alarm shall not respond to the automatic shutoff, neither the village nor its employees shall be liable for damages by reason of failure of such shutoff device.

#### 9-6-7: FALSE ALARMS:

- A. 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 based on the Equipment Rate Schedule and costs for emergency responders shall be billed to the company reporting the fourth and fifth false alarms. A service charge based on two times the Equipment Rate Schedule and two times the costs for emergency responders shall be billed for each false alarm thereafter in any twelve (12) month period, except as provided in subsection <u>9-6-9A2</u> of this chapter. Collected service charges will be distributed to Village Departments incurring the expenses.
  - 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 Safety Inspector 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, and a reconnection charge of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), have been paid to the village.
  - 3. The owner or tenant shall be charged for fire protection system trouble or supervisory alarms, in excess of three (3) per calendar year, that result from any reason other than system testing, maintenance, electronic service or telephone line and weather related malfunctions at a rate of \$50.00 per alarm.
  - 4. The owner or tenant shall be charged for security protection system trouble or intrusion alarms, in excess of three (3) per calendar year, that result from any reason other than system testing, maintenance, electronic service or telephone line and weather related malfunctions at a rate of \$50.00 per alarm.
  - 5. No person shall deliberately or maliciously turn in an alarm or fire when in fact that person knows that no fire exists. No person shall activate any automatic fire alarm system or installed fire protection system for than emergency, maintenance, drills or prescribed testing. A fine of up to five hundred dollars

(\$500.00) shall be charged for malicious false alarms and/or up to thirty (30) days imprisonment.

- B. Failure, or refusal, of any alarm holder to pay any service charge or service charges for false alarms may result in discontinuance of the alarm service provided however, that if the alarm system is a required system, the business or occupancy shall be immediately terminated and the premises vacated in a manner consistent with the provisions of this chapter and all applicable building, fire and safety codes.
- C. 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.

#### D. System Resetting

- 1. 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 monitoring facilities have been notified in advance of the testing or drill.
- 2. Alarm system audio-visual 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 that no fire or other emergency exists.

#### 9-6-8: TESTING EQUIPMENT:

- A. Alarm systems transmitting emergency signals directly to the communication center of the village shall be tested or demonstrated only with prior approval from the Village Safety Inspector.
- B. The approval of the Village Safety Inspector is not required to test or demonstrate alarm devices not transmitting emergency messages directly to the communication center unless the messages are to be relayed to village facilities. However, notification shall be made to the village facilities before any testing or maintenance of any alarm system. Failure to make notification that causes a response by emergency services will constitute a false alarm.

## 9-6-9: DISCONNECTION AND RECONNECTION TO VILLAGE FACILITIES:

#### A. Disconnection:

 Failure of an alarm holder to pay any service charges required to be paid by this chapter shall be cause for the Village Safety Inspector to disconnect an alarm system.

- 2. If any alarm system records twelve (12) false alarms within any twelve (12) month period, such shall be cause for the Village Safety Inspector to disconnect an alarm system upon giving sixty (60) days' written notice to the alarm holder.
- 3. Twelve (12) or more trouble indicators from any one alarm system within any twelve (12) month period shall be cause for the Village Safety Inspector to disconnect an alarm system after sixty (60) days' written notice.
- 4. Any disconnecting hereunder shall not be at the cost of the village, but rather shall be at the sole expense of the alarm holder.

#### B. Reconnection:

- 1. If an alarm system has been disconnected because of nonpayment of any charges, the alarm system may be reconnected to village facilities only after payment of all outstanding charges.
- 2. If an alarm system has been disconnected because of excessive false alarms or trouble indicators, the alarm holder affected must submit to the Village Safety Inspector a written statement showing all reasons, if any, for the trouble indications and false alarms, and setting forth what measures have been taken to prevent or to minimize future similar problems. The Village Safety Inspector shall review such statements and if the Village Safety Inspector recommends reconnection of the alarm system in question the alarm holder shall apply for a permit as in the instance of an initial application.

#### 9-6-10: RESERVATION OF RIGHTS:

- A. The village reserves the right to disconnect the services connected with monitoring of any alarm system after giving sixty (60) days written notice of intention to disconnect.
- B. The village is under no obligation to provide this special type of monitoring service to any person, and the village expressly reserves the right to deny to any person the privilege of connecting an alarm system to facilities of the village.
- C. In those instances in which an alarm is activated and an authorized emergency responder responds by going to the premises, and, finding no evidence of breaking and entering, the authorized emergency responder shall not be required to remain at the premises.
- D. In those instances in which an alarm is activated and an authorized emergency responder responds by going to the premises, and, finding evidence of breaking and entering, the investigating authorized emergency responder will remain at the

premises until the owner or his agent comes to the premises in response to the alarm.

#### 9-6-11: ENFORCEMENT:

- A. The Village Safety Inspector shall have the responsibility for enforcement of this chapter.
- B. In connection with enforcement of this chapter, the Village Safety Inspector may prescribe and publish minimum standards and regulations for the construction and maintenance of all alarm system.

#### 9-6-12: PENALTY:

Any person found guilty of violating any provision of this chapter shall be fined as provided in the general penalty in section  $\underline{1-3-1}$  of this code for each offense. Each day of continuation of an offense shall be considered a separate offense.

All fees shall be payable in full, thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of invoice(s). The False Alarm cycle is per address and covers a calendar year starting January 1, and ends December 31, and then starts over.

Any and all court costs and legal fees incurred by the Village of Antioch, Antioch Fire Department and Antioch Police Department in relation to the collection of false alarm fees after the allotted 30 days shall be paid by the offender.

#### 9-6-13: WAIVERS:

Any person and/or corporation may request a waiver of specific sections of this Ordinance will create an undue economic burden. Said waiver request shall be made in writing to the Fire Chief or Police Chief and the Village Safety Inspector siting the specific facts supporting the waiver request.

- A. After investigation of all facts, the Fire Chief or Police Chief and the Village Safety Inspector shall submit the waiver request and their recommendations to the Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The petitioner may be present at the meeting to offer direct testimony and otherwise support his/her request.
- B. After hearing all evidence and careful deliberation, the Board of Trustees may waive specific sections of this ordinance when all of the following conditions are met:
  - 1. The facts presented are deemed to be true and accurate; and
  - 2. The proposed waiver will not constitute an increase in life safety hazards or lessen the protection afforded to the building, its occupants or fire fighters; and

- 3. A time schedule is established for compliance with the Ordinance as adopted.
- C. Any waiver issued under this Section may be rescinded if it is later determined that facts presented were inaccurate, the waiver is ineffective, or as life safety problem has been determined to exist.