

## VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN ALARM ORDINANCE



Section 3-12-3 of the Village of Oak Lawn Municipal Code, states that all alarm system users are required to have an alarm permit upon activation of their alarm system.

A security alarm permit is required if you have a security alarm that is audible and/or monitored to provide police response. The annual alarm permit fee is \$25.00.

A permitted alarm site is allowed three false burglar alarms in a twelve-month period. The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> false burglar alarms are \$75.00; 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> false burglar alarms are \$100.00; 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> are \$150.00; and 13 or more are \$200.00. False alarms prevent police from attending to real emergencies and waste our valuable police resources as well as erode the effectiveness of alarm systems. Resolving and preventing false alarms is a joint responsibility of the alarm user and the alarm company. Identify the cause of every false alarm and contact your alarm company for alarm system maintenance and/or additional training in how to properly use the alarm system. An alarm notification is designated as false when the responding officers do not find evidence of a criminal offense or attempted criminal offense.

An alarm permit renewal notice will be mailed to your approximately thirty days prior to the expiration date. If you move, please notify the Village immediately so your permit can be cancelled. An alarm permit cannot be transferred to another person or different address.

There shall be a \$25.00 permit fee yearly in relation to users of alarms, automatic protection devices and burglar alarm systems as defined in section 3-12-1 of the municipal code. The fiscal year for alarms is April 1 through March 31.