

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 2004-55

No. 641

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "OFFENSES
AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS," BY
DELETING SECTIONS 16-125, 16-126, 16-127, 16-130
AND 16-131

Approved December 23, 2004

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1. Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence is hereby amended by deleting the following sections:

~~Sec. 16-125. Issuance of permit decals.~~

~~A decal with the alarm user's permit number, name and permit address will be issued with the alarm user permit. This decal must be prominently posted on or near the front entrance to the premises so that the information provided on the decal is visible from the outside of the structure. Failure to comply within thirty (30) days of the decal being sent by the police department shall result in a warning for the first violation and a twenty five dollar fine for each additional violation.~~

~~Sec. 16-126. Items necessary for alarm systems to qualify for an alarm user permit.~~

~~(a) All alarm systems shall have a backup power supply that will become effective in the event of a power failure or outage in the source of electricity from the utility company.~~

~~(b) All alarm systems which utilize an audible bell, horn, siren or other sound emitting device shall be equipped with an automatic shut off device which will deactivate the alarm system within fifteen (15) minutes after activation. All alarm users with audible bells, horns, sirens or other sound emitting devices shall install and maintain such automatic shut off device within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this article.~~

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~~(c) The police department shall send to each permitted alarm user a decal with the alarm users permit number. The decal will be sent to the alarm user within thirty (30) days of application.~~

~~Sec. 16-127. Requirements.~~

~~(a) Alarm information lists. There shall be maintained a list to be known as the "alarm information list" which will consist of the following information for each security alarm system signal:~~

~~(1) The street address, apartment number if any, office, suite number or the exact location of the security alarm system.~~

~~(2) The name of the person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind protected by the alarm security system.~~

~~(3) The entire name, street address, city/town and state of the subscriber as well as the area code and the telephone number.~~

~~(4) The entire names, street addresses, cities/towns and states as well as the area codes and the telephone number of at least two (2) separate individuals or alarm monitory company within a thirty mile radius (aside from the subscriber as indicated in (3) of this section) who can be reached twenty four (24) hours a day and who are authorized to respond to an alarm signal, and who have access into the premises or location in which the alarm is located.~~

~~Within ninety (90) days of enactment of this article, every individual, partnership, corporation or other entity doing business in the City of Providence as an alarm business, or providing subscribers with central station alarm service, shall provide the chief of police with an alarm company name, telephone number and license.~~

~~Further, said companies shall notify the commissioner of public safety by certified mail, or any change in status or additions or deletions to the alarm information list within five (5) working days.~~

~~Not later than January 1st of each year, said companies, doing business in the City of Providence, shall file a notice with the chief of police updating the accuracy of the alarm information list.~~

~~(b) — *Testing of equipment.* Every security alarm user, except alarm monitoring companies, shall notify the chief of police, in writing, at least two (2) days but not more than fifteen (15) days in advance of testing of security alarm equipment. Failure to notify the chief of police in advance of testing, as established, shall constitute a false alarm and be subject to the assessment schedule contained herein in section 16-129.~~

~~Sec. 16-130. Appeals procedure.~~

~~(a) — *Generally.* Any alarm user who is aggrieved by a decision of the chief of police, may, within five (5) working days of the issuance of the chief's decision, appeal to the municipal court.~~

~~(b) — *Grounds for appeal.* The only grounds for appealing a decision of the chief of police are:~~

~~(1) — Proof that a false alarm was caused by a violent condition of nature or actions of the telephone company.~~

~~(2) — Written verification from the alarm user and the alarm business that all necessary steps have been taken to upgrade, improve and insure the accuracy of the security alarm system.~~

~~(c) — *Penalties.* The following acts and omissions shall constitute violations of this article, punishable by fine of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00).~~

~~(1) — Failure to obey an order of the chief of police to discontinue use of a security alarm system after exhaustion of the right to appeal.~~

~~(2) — Failure to pay two (2) or more consecutive fines assessed under this article within sixty (60) days from the date of assessment.~~

~~(d) — *Regulations.* The chief of police shall promulgate such regulations as may be necessary for the implementation of this article.~~

~~Sec. 16-131. False alarm monitoring program advisory committee established.~~

~~There is hereby established the false alarm monitoring program advisory committee which shall be comprised of seven (7) members. Three (3) of whom shall be appointed by the mayor, of which one shall be a nominee of the Alarm Association of Rhode Island, three (3) of whom shall be appointed by the president of the city council, one of whom shall be a nominee of the Alarm Association of Rhode Island,~~

and one of whom shall be appointed by the chief of police. The initial members shall serve until January 1, 1995. The appropriate appointing authorities shall name successor nominees on January 1, 1995 or as soon thereafter as is practicable and every four (4) years thereafter. Successor appointees shall serve four year terms.

The committee shall review the operation of the program and prepare an annual report to the city council, the mayor and the chief of police.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

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