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**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, this 14th
day of May, 2024.**

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BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Forest View, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1: Amendment. Title 5 of the Forest View Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding the following Chapter 5, "False Alarms":

TITLE 5 FALSE ALARMS.

5-5-1 LIMITATION.

The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to all properties other than single family residential properties in the Village of Forest View.

5-5-2 DEFINITIONS.

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

(a) "Alarm agent" means any person who is employed by an alarm business, either directly or indirectly, whose duties include altering, installing, maintaining, moving, repairing, replacing, selling, serving, responding to or causing others to respond to an alarm device or activation.

(b) "Alarm system" shall have the same meaning as "automatic protection device."

(c) "Alarm user" means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation or other organization of any kind in control of any building, structure or facility where an alarm system or automatic protection device is maintained, monitored or activated within the Village, except for alarms on motor vehicles. Also included are those local alarms which employ an audible signal, emit sounds and/or

flashlights designed to alert or signal persons outside of the premises of an alarm activation.

(d) "Automatic protection device" means an electrically or battery-operated instrument composed of sensory apparatus and related hardware that automatically sends by direct connection, radio signal or otherwise, an alarm signal or pre-recorded voice alarm on receipt of a stimulus from the sensory apparatus that it has detected a physical force or condition inherently characteristic of an unauthorized intrusion, hazard or other emergency and to which the Police Department is expected to respond. Also included are devices which are stimulated by direct or indirect action by the alarm user or employees which initiate an alarm.

(e) "Emergency 9-1-1 line" means a telephone line leading directly into the communication center of the Police Department communications room that is used only to report emergency messages and signals on a person-to-person basis.

(f) "False alarm" means any notice transmitted verbally, electronically or by any other means from an alarm system or automatic protection device installed upon premises within the jurisdiction of responsibility for the Police Department, which results in a response by their personnel, and for which no emergency exists. The Police Department shall be deemed to have responded, for the purposes of this definition, if any equipment leaves its present location bound for the premises from which the false alarm has been transmitted, or if any personnel receive a dispatch from the communication center or leave their present locations bound for such premises, even if such response shall be terminated or limited in any way before arrival at the premises.

(g) "Local alarm" means a signaling system which, when activated, causes an audible and/or visual signaling device to be activated on or in the premises within which the system is installed.

(h) "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, association or society, but such term does not include the Village.

(i) "Police Chief" means the Chief of the Police Department of the Village or his or her authorized representative.

(j) "Primary trunk line" means a telephone line or lines leading into the communication center of the Police Department for the purpose of handling emergency and administrative calls on a person-to-person basis.

5-5-3 FALSE ALARMS:

(a) When two or more false alarms are received by the Village within a calendar year commencing January 1, 2025, the Police Chief or his or her representatives shall cause a written warning to be sent via personal delivery or e-mail to the alarm user notifying him or her of the number and dates of the false alarms. If further false alarms are received by the Department, after the initial two false alarms, a charge shall be imposed upon the system user of the premises from which any false alarm has been transmitted in accordance with the schedule contained in Section 5-5-4.

(b) No person shall test or demonstrate an alarm system designed to transmit emergency messages directly to the Police Department without first obtaining permission to do so from the Department. Permission is not required to test or demonstrate alarm devices not transmitting emergency messages directly to the Department, unless the messages are to be relayed to it.

(c) The charges provided for in Section 5-5-4 shall not be applicable until the expiration of thirty days from and after the date of initial installation of any such alarm system. Where there is a positive indication, satisfactory to the Police Chief, that a false alarm was caused by off-site transmission line problems under the jurisdiction of the telephone company, or was caused by an uncontrollable, extraordinary circumstances, including an act of God, there shall be no charge, and such false alarm shall not be counted.

(e) An alarm user may appeal to the Police Chief, or his or her delegate, for reconsideration of a designated false alarm if that alarm user presents written documentation to the Chief, or his or her delegate, that he or she had undertaken reasonable action to discover and eliminate the cause or causes of any false alarm. The appeal must be made within seven days after the false alarm in question. If, however, the alarm user, by reason of absence from the Village or any other reasonable basis, requests an extension of time to file his or her written report, the Chief, or his or her delegate, shall extend the seven-day period for a reasonable period. If the alarm user fails to submit a written report within seven days or within any extended period or submits such a report and is denied a reconsideration, the false alarm determination shall stand.

5-5-4 FALSE ALARM CHARGES.

(a) To cover the costs of responding to false alarms, the alarm user shall pay to the Village, for each false alarm in excess of two in any calendar year, transmitted by any automatic protection device, alarm system or local alarm, the following amounts:

Third false alarm	\$ 50.00
Fourth false alarm	\$100.00
Fifth and any subsequent false alarm	\$200.00

(b) Each such charge shall be due and payable not later than thirty days after mailing or delivery of an invoice therefor.

SECTION 2: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law. The requirements of this Chapter shall go into effect January 1, 2025.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE this 14th day of May, 2024.

AYES: Trustees Ramirez, Nevarez, Liska, Grossi, Sudkamp, Hubacek

NAYS: NA

ABSENT: Na

APPROVED this 14th day of May, 2024.

Nancy L. Miller
Village President

ATTEST:

Laura D. McGuffey
Village Clerk