

**TOWN OF BRIDGTON
ALARM SYSTEMS ORDINANCE**

ARTICLE I. TITLE, PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS

Section 1. TITLE

This ordinance shall be known and be cited as the "Alarm Systems Ordinance for the Town of Bridgton, Maine."

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Section 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish appropriate guidelines for the installation of alarm systems for notification of the Town of Bridgton's Public Safety Communications Center.

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Section 3. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Ordinance, certain terms or words used herein shall be interpreted or defined as follows:

Alarm Systems - A system including any mechanism, equipment or device designed to automatically transmit or cause the transmission of a signal, message or warning from a private facility (i.e., residential or commercial) to the Cumberland County Regional Communications Center, or to cause the activation of an audible or visible device whose purpose or result is to obtain emergency response by the Town's police or fire department.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. TRANSMISSION OF NON-EMERGENCY ALARMS

A. The owner of any property that has an alarm system that causes the transmission of a non-emergency alarm more than three (3) times in any one calendar year period shall pay a fine as described in Article III Section 1 for each instance of a non-emergency alarm in excess of three (3) such alarms in any one calendar year period.

B. The owner of any property that has an alarm system that causes the transmission of two or more non-emergency alarms within a twenty-four hour period shall, upon request by the Police Chief or the Fire Chief, immediately disconnect the system and shall not reconnect it until the issue has been fully resolved.

C. Upon receipt of an alarm message or signal from an alarm system subject to the availability of manpower and equipment, the Town will cause to be dispatched representatives of the Department of Public Safety to the alarm location to take appropriate action. If the premises in which the alarm system is installed appear to be secure and there is no evidence to indicate that there is an emergency situation requiring the presence or action of the Department of Public Safety, the Town's obligation shall have been discharged upon the completion of one telephone call to the alarm company reporting the alarm to ascertain if a key holder will be responding to the location of the alarm.

ARTICLE III - FINES & PENALTIES

Section 1. FINES FOR EXCESSIVE TRANSMISSION OF NON-EMERGENCY ALARMS

Burglar Alarms	\$100.00
Fire Alarms	\$100.00

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Section 2. PENALTY

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction therefore, be punished by a fine of \$100.00 dollars per each offense that occurs during the same calendar year.

Enacted in 1987.

Revised: 1993, 3/1/94, 7/1/07 and 6/10/14.