

ORDINANCE NO. 109
BARRETT TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ALARM SYSTEMS, PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SUCH SYSTEMS AND REVOCATION THEREOF, REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION BY HOME OWNERS WITH THE TOWNSHIP AND NOTICE OF SUCH INSTALLATION OF ALARM SYSTEMS IN HOMES, AND PROVIDING FOR REVENUE AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of Barrett Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania.

SECTION I

PURPOSE AND INTENT

The Board of Supervisors of Barrett Township find and declare that:

(a) The majority of emergency alarms to which Township Police and emergency personnel respond are false. Such alarms are nuisances resulting in enormous waste of manpower and could cause serious injury to those police officers or other emergency personnel who may be responding to a false alarm and further, when the said personnel are responding to a false alarm, they are not available to be protecting the citizens of Barrett Township.

(b) The danger to citizens through emergency responses created by nuisance alarms is unnecessary and hazardous.

(c) The unnecessary waste of tax dollars through responses to nuisance alarms must be eliminated.

(d) Nuisance alarms have created conditions causing danger and annoyance to the general public.

SECTION II

DEFINITIONS

(a) Alarm System shall mean any device designed or used for detection of intrusion into a building, structure or facility or for alerting persons in the attempt or commission of a crime or any

emergency situation involving potential death or serious injury and which is directly connected to an audible alarm or the transmission of a related signal or message which is used to evoke an emergency response to any address or separate component of any system.

(b) Nuisance Alarm shall mean the activation of an alarm system due to other than the said purpose for which the alarm system is designed. Any activation of an alarm system caused by any malfunction caused by violent natural catastrophic condition including electrical storms or power outages or conditions beyond the control of the permittee will not constitute a nuisance alarm.

SECTION III

APPLICATION FOR ALARM PERMIT

Every applicant for an alarm permit shall file with the Police Department of Barrett Township, on forms provided by the Township, a written application stating the name, address and telephone number of the applicant; a description of the property or properties where the proposed alarm system shall be installed; the location, road, name of development and name which is conspicuously displayed on the house or mailbox of the premises; a description of the type or types of alarm system to be used including name and model number of the manufacturer; the name of the person or company who will install the alarm system at the location; the name, address and telephone number of any person or company who will be available to be contacted in the event of an alarm activation. In the case of more than one building site in which the alarm systems shall be installed, the applicant must provide the Township with information concerning how the alarm for each building shall be distinguishable from the other alarms in said buildings. In the event the name, mailing address or telephone number of the person to be contacted changes, the applicant shall supply corrected information to the Barrett Township Police Department within five (5) days of the change. If requested by the Police Department, the persons listed shall be required to be present at the alarm location within a reasonable length of time after being advised that the Police or other emergency departments have received any signal or message of an alarm activation.

SECTION IV

ALARM PERMITS - TRANSFER

Alarm permits shall not be transferable from one individual to another, or from one location to another, without the express

written authorization from the Barrett Township Police Department. In the event that the premises in which the alarm system has been installed is to be conveyed or transferred to another individual, it shall be the responsibility of the permittee to notify the Barrett Township Police Department of the name and telephone number of the other person to be contacted in case of the alarm activation.

Any individual who obtains title to premises in which an alarm system has been installed and permit issued by the Township Police Department, shall notify the department and make application for registration specifying all information necessary for the Police Department or other emergency departments to respond to the alarm activation.

SECTION V

ALARM PERMITS - FEES

Every person applying for an alarm permit under the provisions of this Ordinance shall pay a fee of \$35.00 to obtain an alarm permit prior to the installation of the new alarm system on the premises.

Any individual who owns or obtains title to premises in which an alarm system has already been installed shall pay the fee of \$20.00 to register their name, address, telephone number and individual to be contacted in case of the activation of the alarm system.

All fees shall be payable to the Township of Barrett.

SECTION VI

PENALTIES AND FINES

Any person who fails to make application or register with the Barrett Township Police Department prior to the installation of an alarm system on the premises shall pay to the Township of Barrett a fine in the amount of \$100.00.

Any person who owns or acquires title to premises in which an alarm system has already been installed and fails to register with the Barrett Township Police Department shall pay to the Township of Barrett a fine in the amount of \$50.00.

Any person who, after receiving notice from the Barrett Township Police Department that an emergency department has responded to one nuisance alarm as defined in this ordinance during the term of 30 days, shall pay a fine of \$100.00 per nuisance alarm thereafter.

SECTION VII

SUSPENSION OF PERMIT

In the event that the applicant-permittee shall receive notice from the Barrett Township Police Department that three nuisance alarms have occurred on the premises within a term of 30 days, after 15 days notice by the department, the Board of Supervisors shall conduct a hearing to determine whether the permit shall be suspended until the applicant-permittee shall give satisfactory proof that the alarm system has been property repaired, and that no future nuisance alarms will be activated.

SECTION VIII

ENFORCEMENT

All violations hereunder shall be prosecuted in the same manner and procedure applicable to violations of the Township's Zoning Ordinance as provided therein and in Pennsylvania's Municipalities Planning Code.

SECTION IX

CONFIDENTIALITY

The information furnished and secured pursuant to this Ordinance shall be confidential in character and shall not be subject to public inspection, and shall be so kept in order that the contents thereof shall not be known except to persons charged with the administration of this ordinance.


SECTION X

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days from the date of its adoption. Owners of such alarm systems existing at the time of adoption of this ordinance shall have a period of sixty (60) days to comply with all provisions hereof.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Barrett Township Board of Supervisors this 9 day of OCT, 1991.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
BARRETT TOWNSHIP

ATTEST:

A circular seal for Barrett Township, Pennsylvania, is located to the left of the signature. The seal contains the text "BARRETT TOWNSHIP PENNSYLVANIA" around the perimeter and "1854" in the center.
May LaBas
Secretary

Lawrence C. Hardy
Chairman

John R. [Signature]
Vice-Chairman