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ORDINANCE NO. 55A-22

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JAMES CITY COUNTY
VIRGINIA

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, BY AMENDING ARTICLE IV, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 2. SPECIFIC OFFICERS, BY ADDING SECTION 2-16.4, FALSE ALARMS PROHIBITED; PENALTY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of James City, Virginia, that Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, Officers and employees, Division 2, Specific officers, is hereby amended and reordained by amending Section 2-16.4, False alarms prohibited; penalty.

Chapter 2. Administration

Article IV. Officers and Employees.

Division 2. Specific Officers

Sec. 2-16.4. False alarms prohibited; penalty.

(a) The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

(1) "Alarm system" means an assembly of equipment arranged to signal an unlawful entry or other unlawful activity requiring the urgent attention at a protected premises and to which a law enforcement agency is expected to respond. The term shall include, but not be limited to, localized or audible alarms.

(2) "Alarm user" means any person in control of any protected building, structure, or protected premises where an alarm system is maintained.

(3) *"False alarm" means an alarm signal eliciting a response from a law enforcement agency when a situation requiring such response does not in fact exist. However, it shall not include an alarm signal caused by violent conditions of nature or other extraordinary circumstances not reasonably subject to control by the alarm user or alarm company operator.*

(b) *It shall be unlawful for any user to send a false alarm.*

(c) *For each false alarm after three false alarms originating from the same premises within a thirty-day period, there is hereby imposed a civil penalty in the amount of one hundred dollars for each such false alarm.*

(d) *The police chief shall bill each user responsible for the false alarm the appropriate amount of penalty as set forth above. All such penalties shall be paid within thirty days of billing. Any user who is more than thirty days delinquent in the payment of such bill shall not receive police department emergency response service to any alarm based on activation of the alarm system until the user has satisfied such debt.*

(e) *The penalty set forth in this article shall not apply to any premises equipped with a fire alarm system used, owned, or occupied by the Commonwealth of Virginia, its agencies, or political subdivisions, but all the other provisions including the termination of service, shall apply to them.*

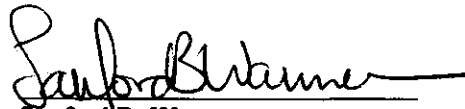
State Law Reference - §15.1-28.2 - Authority to regulate alarm systems.

The effective date of this ordinance shall be December 1, 1996.



David L. Sisk
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board

<u>SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
TAYLOR	AYE
MAGOON	AYE
DEPUE	AYE
EDWARDS	AYE
SISK	AYE

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 26th day of
November, 1996.

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