

NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

ALARM PERMIT APPLICATION

“Alarm system” or “device system” means any equipment or assembly of equipment, of whatever nature, designed to detect and signal an unauthorized intrusion into or upon premises, or to signal an attempted burglary or robbery at the premises with respect to which signal police or firefighting personnel or both are expected to respond.

“False alarm” means the activation of an alarm system through the mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation or the negligence of the owner or lessee of an alarm system or his or her employees or such agents. Such terminology does not include, for example, alarms caused by hurricanes, storms, or other violent conditions, which are clearly beyond control of the alarm user.

- 1) Please read all instructions prior to filling out the enclosed application form. Complete the form and return the last two pages only to the Newport Police Department Records Office with fee, if applicable. Please keep all other pages for your records.
- 2) Please fill in all spaces. Do not leave spaces blank. Include the name of the business, estate, condo units or what you wish your address to be called, i.e.: Smith Residence.
- 3) Type of installation-mark each box that applies to this application.
- 4) Type of system-mark yes (Y) or no (N) in each section. Audible means any device designed for the protection of unauthorized entry on premises or fire thereon, which generates an external audible sound or flashing light, or both, when it is activated.

Automatic Shutoff – alarm system equipped with an externally audible local signaling device or visual device shall be provided with an automatic shutoff to silence the audible or visual external signal within thirty (30) minutes from the time the signaling device is activated.

Automatic Dialer – if alarm activation triggers an automatic telephone dialer with a taped message, does this call go to the police station or to a third party? (Note: All automatic taped messages that go to Newport Police Department must use 846-1901.)

- A) *The content of the recorded message to be transmitted by such device must be intelligible and in a format approved by the Chief of the Division concerned as appropriate for the nature of the alarm.**
- B) *No recorded message shall be delivered to the police division more than twice as the result of a single stimulation or activation of the sensory mechanism.**
- C) *The length of time for recording the transmitted message shall not exceed three (3) minutes.**

- D) *The time lapse for the delivery of the second recorded message shall be in a range from ten (10) to twelve (12) seconds.**
- E) *Such devices installed on nonresidential premises must be capable of transmitting an alarm message to two or more recipients located within the area of Newport County in addition to the appropriate public safety department authorized to gain access to the premises and who will be available to respond within not less than one hour to the message on a twenty-four (24) hour basis to assist in the deactivation of such device.**

Central Protection System – is the alarm monitored by a central protection system (alarm company)?

- 5) Names and addresses of installing company or individual.
- 6) Names, addresses, and phone numbers of individuals within Newport County who will be available to respond to deactivate the alarm if owner or resident is unavailable. (With or without auto dialer)
- 7) The owner or resident of each protected premise, by signing this application is notified that in the event an audible alarm does not reset or shut off; and no individual responds to deactivate the alarm, the City of Newport reserves the right to deactivate such alarm by any means necessary, including but not limited to the disconnection or cutting of any wiring to the audible alarm. The city shall not be liable for any damage resulting from such deactivation, and by signing this application the applicant agrees to waive any claims for damage resulting in this deactivation.

8) Violations

- A) *A system installed in a single-family residence may suffer three (3) false alarms within a six (6) month period without penalty. The fourth alarm within the six (6) month period shall subject the user to a fine of fifty (\$50.00) dollars. The fifth false alarm within the six (6) month period shall subject the user to a fine of seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars. Each subsequent false alarm within the six (6) month period will subject the user to a fine of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.**
- B) *A violation of any other provision of this chapter occurring within and/or in relation to a single family residence shall subject the user to a fine of fifty (\$50.00) dollars, plus cost of prosecution for the first offense. A fine of seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars plus cost of prosecution for the second offense. A fine of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for all subsequent offenses.**
- C) *Systems installed in buildings other than single-family residences may suffer three (3) false alarms within a six (6) month period without penalty. The fourth false alarm within a six (6) month period shall subject the user to a fine of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. The fifth false alarm within the six (6) month period shall subject the user to a fine of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars.*

*Each subsequent false alarm within the six (6) month period will subject the user to a fine of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. **

*D) A violation of any other provision of this chapter occurring within and/or in relation to a building other than a single-family residence shall subject the user to a find of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars plus the cost of prosecution for the first offense. A find of two hundred (\$200.00) plus the cost of prosecution for the second offense, and a fine of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars plus the cost of prosecution for all subsequent offenses.**

For the purpose of this permit the six (6) month period runs from January 1st until June 30th and July 1st until December 31st.

Items marked with (*) are from City Ordinance 8.20. For further information a copy can be obtained at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall at 43 Broadway.