



## **Alarm System Requirements**

The alarm company central station must give the alarm permit number to the Police/Fire dispatcher at the time an alarm is reported. Ascertain that your alarm company has forwarded your assigned permit number to the central station.

Exterior Audible devices may sound for a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes at a residential location and thirty (30) minutes at a commercial location before automatically resetting.

A battery backup power supply must maintain the alarm system for a minimum of two (2) hours in case of a power failure.

Automatic dialing devices used for notification of an alarm activation shall be prohibited.

The alarm permit is nontransferable.

The Police Department may inspect the system after issuance of a permit to determine whether it is being used in conformity with the terms of the permit.

The Police Department Alarm Office must be notified of any alarm service termination.

## **Renewal Fees**

Newport Beach Municipal Code Section 5.49.045 requires an annual renewal fee for a commercial alarm permit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ and a triennial renewal fee for a residential alarm permit of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

## **False Alarms**

By City Ordinance definition, a false alarm is "...the activation of an alarm system through mechanical failure, accident, misoperation, malfunction, misuse, or the neglect of either the owner or lessee of the alarm system or any of his employees or agents." In the absence of any evidence of an unlawful intrusion constituting a crime or attempted crime, a conclusive presumption of a false alarm will be made.

The first and second Police false alarms within a calendar year (defined as January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>) are not assessed a fine.

A third Police false alarm within a calendar year is assessed a \$50 fine.

A fourth Police false alarm within a calendar year is assessed a \$100 fine.

Additional fines are assessed for each subsequent Police false alarm within a calendar year, increasing by \$25 each time. For example: a fifth Police false alarm would be \$125, a sixth would be \$150, etc.

## **Permit Revocation**

The alarm permit may be revoked upon failure to pay any false alarm fines.

The alarm permit may be revoked after the sixth false alarm within a calendar year.

Operation of an alarm system while the permit is revoked is an infraction and may result in a citation.

## **Questions**

Please contact the Alarm Office at (949) 644-3723.