

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1280

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS
AMENDING CHAPTER 9.60 OF THE PERRIS MUNICIPAL CODE
PROVIDING FOR REGULATION OF ALARM SYSTEMS**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Chapter 9.60 of the Perris Municipal Code is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

“Chapter 9.60

BURGLARY & ROBBERY ALARM REGULATIONS

Sections:

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Section 9.60.010 -- Regulating False Alarms – Purpose

The public has purchased alarm systems which either mechanically malfunction or are not operated properly, causing an increase in false alarms reporting, which require an immediate response from the Perris Police Department, thus needlessly diverting limited police resources.

Section 9.60.020 – Definitions

For the purpose of this chapter, certain words and phrases used herein are defined as follows:

- A. “Alarm Systems” means an assembly of devices arranged to signal the presence of a hazardous condition to which police customarily respond, and include devices designed to signal audibly, electronically, or through other technological means when activated.
 - a. Commercial alarm systems mean an alarm system that is used to detect a hazardous condition in or about a non-residential structure or area.
 - b. Residential alarm systems means an alarm system that is used to detect a hazardous condition in or about a structure or area that is used primarily for

- non-business purposes and intended for habitation, including individual dwelling units within a single or multiple family structure.
- B. “Alarm Business” shall mean any person engaged in selling, leasing, maintaining, servicing, repairing, altering, replacing, moving, installing, or causing to be sold, maintained, serviced, repaired, altered, replaced, moved, installed or monitored an alarm system in or on any building, place, or premises.
 - C. “Alarm Agent” shall mean any person who is employed by an alarm business, either directly or indirectly. Said agent shall be in full compliance with the requirements set forth in the Business and Professions Code of the State of California and other applicable laws.
 - D. “Audible Alarm” shall mean a device designed for the detection of an unauthorized entry on premises and which when activated emits an audible sound.
 - E. “False Alarm” shall mean an alarm signal which, under ordinary circumstances, will necessitate or cause response by the Police Department where an emergency situation does not exist.
 - F. “Proprietor Alarm” shall mean an alarm which is not serviced by an alarm business.
 - G. “Silent Alarm” shall mean that type of alarm system, which when activated, does not activate an audible alarm on site, but conveys notification of alarm by other electronic or mechanical means.
 - H. “Subscriber” shall mean a person contracting with an alarm business for the leasing, monitoring, servicing, or maintenance of an alarm system.
 - I. “Automatic Protection Device” means a device that reports a hazardous condition to a remote location over the regular telephone network by dialing a programmed telephone number then delivering a prerecorded voice message identifying the nature and location of the alarm.
 - J. “Hazardous Condition” means an event(s) or occurrence(s) which is indicative of a robbery, burglary, or other condition which poses a hazard or threat to persons or property and for which the alarm system is intended to detect or alert.
 - K. “Person” means any individual, partnership, corporation, or other entity.
 - L. “Police Department” means the Police Department of the City of Perris, California. Chief of Police means the Chief of the Perris Police Department or his authorized representative.
 - M. “Code Enforcement” means the City of Perris Department of Code Enforcement.

Section 9.60.030 - Permits Required

- A. No person shall engage in, conduct, or carry on an alarm business within the City of Perris, without first applying for and receiving a business license therefore in accordance with the City Municipal Code. Each person shall be in full

compliance with the requirements set forth in the Business and Professions Code and other applicable laws.

- B. No person shall operate as an alarm agent, or engage in or conduct any activity as an alarm agent without first applying for and receiving a business license therefore in accordance with the provisions of City Code. Each person shall be in full compliance with the requirements set forth in the Business and Professions Code and other applicable laws.
- C. Persons installing an alarm system, proprietor alarm, or audible alarm shall be in full compliance with the requirements set forth in the Business and Professions Code and other applicable laws.

Section 9.60.040 – Exemptions – Special Alarm Systems

The provisions of this chapter shall not be applicable to:

- A. Audible alarms affixed to automobiles.
- B. Fire, smoke, or hazardous gas sensor alarm systems or detectors when such systems are not used as, or in lieu of, intrusion detection devices or alarm systems.
- C. Emergency medical crisis alarms when such systems are not used, or in lieu of, intrusion detection devices or alarm systems.

Section 9.60.050 – Alarm System Monitoring and Oversight

It is the responsibility of the owner/installer to adhere to the following.

- A. No alarm systems will be directly connected to the Perris Police Department communications network. All alarms must be reported through Riverside County Sheriff Central Dispatch in accordance with Riverside County Sheriff Department Policy and procedure.
- B. Automated residential and commercial alarms will not be accepted by Riverside County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center. Alarms must be reported by an authorized reporting party, a legitimate alarm service, and/or a concerned citizen.
- C. The testing of alarm systems is not conducted by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center.

Section 9.60.060 – False Alarm Response Fines

- A. The owner and tenant of a building with more than three (3) false alarms in a twelve (12) month period shall be subject to administrative fines. .
- B. Exceptions:

- a. A thirty (30) day adjustment period to correct mechanical problems will be allowed for any new, improved, or replaced alarm system.
 - b. If the owner and/or tenant shows that any false alarm was the result of conditions beyond his/her control and not the result of negligence.
- C. The intentional activation of an alarm that is determined to be a false alarm shall subject to administrative fines for each occurrence.
- D. The administrative fines shall be established by resolution of the City Council

Section 9.60.070 Conditions

Each person utilizing any alarm shall comply with the following conditions:

- A. Audible Alarms. Audible commercial alarms systems shall be equipped with an automatic shut off mechanism capable of terminating the audible annunciator after activation within a maximum time of thirty (30) minutes. Audible residential alarms systems shall be equipped with an automatic shut off device capable of terminating the audible annunciator after activation within a maximum time of fifteen (15) minutes.
- B. Electrical Power Disruption: The alarm system shall not transmit a signal or activate an annunciator indicating the existence of a hazardous condition when electrical power is interrupted or restored, unless a hazardous condition does in fact exist.
- C. Automatic Protection Devices shall not be keyed to any Police Department telephone line. Police Dispatch responds to reports by authorized persons only.
- D. Multiple Premises: Any person who occupies more than one building, suite, office or other tenancy in which an alarm system is installed or used, and the alarm system is monitored or utilizes an automated reporting device, shall adjust or alter the alarm system to automatically indicate to the person receiving the alarm, which building, office, suite or tenancy from which the alarm originates.”

SECTION 2: If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after adoption.

SECTION 4: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause it, or a summary of it, to be published once within 15 days of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published within the City of Perris, and shall post a certified copy of this Ordinance, including the vote for and against the same, in the Office of the City Clerk in accordance with Government Code § 36933.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 25TH day of October 2011.

Daryl R. Busch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy L. Haughney, C.M.C. City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) §
CITY OF PERRIS)

I, Judy L. Haughney, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance Number 1280 was duly and regularly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on October 25, 2011 and adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a regular meeting thereof held the 25th day of October, 2011, and that it was so adopted by the following called vote:

AYES: ROGERS, YARBROUGH, LANDERS, EVANS, BUSCH
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Judy L. Haughney, C.M.C., City Clerk