

Village of Bonduel
Shawano County
117 W. Green Bay Street
Bonduel, WI 54107

ORDINANCE NO.: 2022-03

SPONSORED BY: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

INTRODUCED BY: ANDREW COURT

SECONDED BY: KAY ZULEGER

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF BONDUEL, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DO ORDAIN THAT THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF BONDUEL, WISCONSIN, Chapter 18 Law Enforcement, Article III. Public Safety, Sec. 18-41 Alarm System, is hereby created as follows:

ALARM SYSTEM.

(a) *Definitions.*

Alarm System. Any device designed for the detection of an unauthorized entry of a structure or enclosure, unlawful acts, fire or other emergency which, when activated, produces a signal, visual or audible or both, which signal is caused to be transmitted to the general area surrounding the premises so as to give notice to the general public and/or which signal is caused to be transmitted to the Police Department, Fire Department or Emergency Medical Services by way of an alarm operator or receiver located in the Police or Fire Department building.

Alarm System Operator. Any person or business who sells, leases or operates a receiving station for one or more alarm systems.

False Alarm. Any of the following:

1. The unintentional activation of an alarm system by the owner or the lessee of an alarm system or of an employee or agent of either.
2. The activation of an alarm system by mechanical failure or malfunction caused by improper maintenance of the alarm system.
3. The activation of an alarm system caused by improper installation and/or use of the equipment.
4. The intentional activation of an alarm system where no unauthorized entry, commission of unlawful act or fire exists.
5. The above subparagraphs do not include false alarms caused by abnormal weather conditions, acts of God or prior arrangements made for testing of the alarm system.

(b) *Installation and operation.*

1. *Receivers.* No receiver to be used for the reception of signals from alarm systems shall be installed in the Village Police or Fire Department building, unless and until the following conditions have been met:
 - a. The Chief of the appropriate department has approved the installation of the receiver.
 - b. The alarm system operator who seeks to place the receiver has on file with the Village a written waiver of liability and hold harmless agreement on the form prescribed by the attorney for the Village.
2. *Connection.* No alarm system shall be connected to a receiver located in the Village Police or Fire Department building, unless and until a connection fee of \$10 is paid to the Village.

(c) *Existing authorized systems.* No connection fee shall be collected from any alarm system operator for any alarm system already connected to a receiver located in the Village Police or Fire Department Building.

(d) *Response of Village to alarm.* The installation and/or operation of an alarm system shall not give rise to any cause of action or claim or attach any liability to the Village for any reason whatsoever, and the Village shall be under no duty or obligation to any person having an alarm system for whatever reason, including but not limited to any defects in an alarm system, any delays in response or delays in transmissions.

(e) *Prohibitions.* No person owning, using or possessing an alarm system or transmitting information regarding an alarm system shall cause or permit the giving of a false alarm, whether intentional, accidental or otherwise.

(f) *Penalties.* Penalties for violation of this section shall be as follows:

1. For the first and second false alarm within a 12-month period resulting in the dispatching of Village police, fire, or EMS personnel, the alarm system operator shall receive a written warning.
2. For the third and fourth false alarms within a 12-month period resulting in the dispatching of Village police, fire or EMS personnel, the alarm system operator shall pay a forfeiture of \$50, plus court costs, fees and assessments.
3. For the fifth and subsequent false alarms within a 12-month period resulting in the dispatching of the Village police, fire or EMS personnel, the alarm system operator shall pay a forfeiture of \$500, plus court costs, fees and assessments.

4. The Chief of Police or Fire Chief, at their discretion, may order disconnection of any alarm system which accumulates six or more false alarms within a 12-month period.
5. No false alarms of authorized alarm systems shall be counted for purposes of this section during the first 60 days following connection.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and posting as provided by law.

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VILLAGE OF BONDUEL, WISCONSIN

Russ Gehm, Village President

Attest:

Michelle Maroszek
Village Clerk