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RE: Unregistered Alarm(s)

Dear Property/Alarm Owner,

According to the Village of Fontana tax rolls you are the owner of a property where there are one or more types of electronic alarms. According to our records no alarm has been registered with the Village as required by the following ordinance...

**Sec. 42-49. Alarms.**

(a) *Registration of fire and security alarms.* The owner of any fire alarm or security alarm system installed in any building or structure shall register the fire or security system with the police department. New fire alarm or security alarm systems shall be registered within 30 days of installation. The Fontana building inspector shall give to all who apply for a building or remodeling permit a copy of this Ordinance. 4-3-00-1.

(b) *Proper maintenance required.* The owner of a fire, security or medical alarm system shall at all times keep and maintain the system in good working order to prevent false activation of the alarm system. For each activation of a fire alarm, security or medical alarm not caused by fire, smoke or security breach and/or determined to be a false alarm, in excess of two times per 12-month period, the owner of the alarm system or his agent shall forfeit a sum as set forth from time to time by the village board. Violations of the false alarms shall be tracked on fire department, police and rescue squad monthly reports. Violations of this section shall be cited by the police department.

(Code 1989, § 15.056; Ord. No.4-3-00-1, § 2, 4-3-00; Ord. No. 2-2-04—3, I, 2-2-2004)

WHEREAS, the Village Board has the authority pursuant to Section 42-49 of the Village Code to set fees and charges for violation of the Alarm Ordinance,

1) For every false fire alarm in excess of two per 12-month period, the owner of the fire alarm system or his/her agent shall forfeit the sum of \$ 250.00

2) For every false security or medical alarm in excess of two per 12-month period, the owner of the security or medical alarm system or his/her agent shall forfeit the sum of \$100.00.

Due to increasing numbers of false alarm calls that require emergency personnel to respond it has become necessary to register all alarms to residential and commercial properties. Enclosed you will find a blank alarm registration form. Please fill it out and return it within 30 days to the police department at the above address. The form must be *entirely completed*. Missing or misleading information will disqualify the registration. If at any time the information on the form should change you must call or write the police department with the correct information. Alarms that are not registered or habitually unfounded will be declared public nuisances and property owners subject to fines and abatement.

**NOTE:** In the event of an activated fire alarm, the fire department will force entry into the building if a key holder is not on scene within 5 minutes of the call. The fire department will decide the least intrusive method of entry. After entry is made and it is determined that there is no fire, the fire department can not remain standing by the building until a key holder arrives. This will mean that the building will be left unsecured and it is the responsibility of the owner to secure the building.

Thank you for your quick response.

Cc: 30-day file