

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF ALARM ORDINANCE**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Wilmette recently adopted Ordinance Number 98-O-68, which amends the alarm ordinance. The following is a brief overview of the new requirements of this ordinance.

### **5-6.2 Alarm User Permit Required**

An Alarm User Permit is required for anyone operating or controlling an alarm within the Village. An initial fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and a renewal fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) every two years are required in order to obtain the Alarm User Permit. Failure to obtain an Alarm User Permit is unlawful and may result in a three hundred dollar (\$300.00) fine for every police response to an unregistered alarm.

### **5-6.7 Alarm System Monitoring Procedure**

An Alarm Business performing monitoring services is required to attempt to verify every alarm signal, with the exception of a duress or holdup alarm, prior to requesting a police response. This means the Alarm Business must attempt either to telephone the Alarm Site and request its pass code or attempt verification by other electronic means, i.e. video or sound monitoring.

### **5-6.9 & 5-6.10 One Plus Duress Alarms, Duress Alarms, and Holdup Alarms**

The installation of One Plus Duress Alarms and Duress/Holdup Alarms using a single action non-recessed button or a single money clip shall be prohibited beginning January 1, 1999, and the removal of such alarms is required prior to January 1, 2000.

### **5-6.16 False Alarms Prohibited**

The first false alarm within a single calendar year in which a police response is required, shall be free of charge. The second false alarm will result in a twenty five dollar (\$25) fine. The third and fourth false alarms will result in a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine per false alarm. The fifth and sixth false alarms will result in a two hundred dollar (\$200) fine per false alarm. The seventh and eighth false alarms will result in a three hundred dollar (\$300) fine per false alarm. The ninth and tenth false alarms will result in a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine per false alarm. More than 10 false alarms occurring within the same calendar year will result in a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) fine per false alarm.

### **5-6.17 Alarm User Permit Revocation With Appeal Process**

Any alarm site that has more than ten false alarms within a single calendar year shall be subject to an Alarm Permit Revocation. The alarm user may appeal the revocation under the specific guidelines outlined within Section 5-6.17.

### **5-6.18 Testing of Equipment**

No person shall attempt to test any Alarm System without first obtaining the permission of the Police Department (256-1200).