

VILLAGE OF BRADLEY

ORDINANCE NO. O-12-14-3

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 ("EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES") ARTICLE III ("ALARM SYSTEMS")  
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF BRADLEY**

ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF BRADLEY

This 22 day of DECEMBER, 2014

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Bradley, Kankakee County, Illinois, this 22 day of DECEMBER, 2014.

CERTIFICATE:



Michael J. LaGesse, Village Clerk

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WHEREAS, Article III of Chapter 14 of the Village of Bradley Code of Ordinances regulates alarm systems within the Village of Bradley; and

WHEREAS, the regulation of alarm systems is necessary to protect the health and public safety of the citizens of the Village of Bradley, and to ensure that the risk and expense of false alarms is minimized;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BRADLEY, KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:**

**Section 1. Village Code Amended.** Chapter 14 (“Emergency Management and Services”) Article III (“Alarm Systems”) Section 14-50 (“Definitions”) of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Bradley is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 14-50. - Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the singular number include the plural number, and words in the plural number include the singular number. The words “shall” and “will” are mandatory and may is permissive. Words not defined shall be given their common and ordinary meaning.

*Alarm system* means an electrically operated instrument which automatically sends visual and audible signals over a signal line to be registered by indicators at a monitor panel at the receiving terminal.

*Automatic dialer alarm* means any device which is a telephone device or attachment that automatically or electronically transmits over a telephone line, any prerecorded message to report criminal activity or other emergency. Automatic dialer alarms shall be prohibited.

*Central station alarm* means an activated alarm causes a signal to be sent to a private central location resulting in an operator telephoning the police communications center advising of the activation.

*Direct station alarm* means alarms which run directly from a specific location to the police department dispatch center and are connected by leased telephone lines.

*Excessive false alarms* means a fourth false alarm, including false fire alarms, in any one calendar month or a 12th false alarm in any one calendar year shall be an excessive number of false alarms.

*False alarm* means the activation of a burglar alarm, hold-up alarm, police alarm or fire alarm where it is determined that no actual emergency exists, other than by a forced entry, attempted forced entry, unlawful entry or actual hold-up or attempted hold-up of the premises or the unintended activation of a smoke detector, heat detector, water flow alarm, or pull station by an actual fire or fire-like condition. Alarms activated by power failures or weather conditions shall not be classified as false alarms.

*False alarm fees* means the assessment to the user of any alarm device as provided in the village fee schedule in section 18-1 for each false alarm in excess of four false alarms per calendar year as follows:

- (1) Fifth through seventh false alarm within a calendar year, per false alarm.
- (2) Eighth through tenth false alarm within a calendar year, per false alarm.
- (3) For each false alarm in excess of ten false alarms within a calendar year, per false alarm.

*False fire alarms fees.*

(1) The use of any fire alarm device shall be assessed a fee as provided in the village fee schedule in section 18-1 for each false fire alarm in excess of one per calendar quarter. Each false fire alarm beyond that allowed shall be assessed a fine as provided in the village fine schedule in section 18-1 per false fire alarm. The term "fire alarm" shall be determined to be false pursuant to the definition of false alarm contained in this section. four false alarms per calendar year as follows:

- (a) Fifth through seventh false alarm within a calendar year, per false alarm.
- (b) Eighth through tenth false alarm within a calendar year, per false alarm.
- (c) For each false alarm in excess of ten false alarms within a calendar year, per false alarm.

- (2) The fire department incident commander shall determine if the fire alarm was false and therefore billable, or if the system responded appropriately to a false fire-like condition.
- (3) The unplanned and malicious activation by a third party of a fire alarm system by means of an activated pull station shall not be considered a false alarm.

*Fire alarm* means a system or portion of a combination system consisting of components and circuits arranged to monitor and annunciate the status of fire alarm or supervisory signal-initiating devices and to initiate the appropriate response to those signals.

*Local alarms* means those alarms that sound audibly on the premises of the subscriber and are not connected to any central station. All owners of local alarms shall be responsible for arrangements, when they are not available, to maintain and turn the system off in case of malfunctions.

*User* means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization which owns, leases, or occupies the premises or property where an alarm system is maintained.

**Section 2. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. All existing ordinances of the Village of Bradley are hereby repealed insofar as they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect as of its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner provided by law. The Clerk of the Village of Bradley shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause it to be published in pamphlet form.

PASSED this 22 day of DECEMBER, 2014.

TRUSTEES:

Jerry Balthazor:	Aye - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay - <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent - <input type="checkbox"/>
Robert Redmond:	Aye - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay - <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent - <input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Gadbois:	Aye - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay - <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent - <input type="checkbox"/>
George Golwitzer:	Aye - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay - <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent - <input type="checkbox"/>
Melissa Carrico:	Aye - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay - <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent - <input type="checkbox"/>
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Bruce Adams: Aye -  Nay -  Absent -


TOTALS: AYE - 6 NAY - 0 ABSENT - 0

APPROVED this 22 day of DECEMBER, 2014



Bruce Adams, President of the Board  
of Trustees of the Village of Bradley

ATTEST:



Michael J. LaGesse, Village Clerk