

ORDINANCE NO. 1870
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1803 BEING
AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE ALARM SYSTEMS
IN THE CITY OF PRICHARD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRICHARD, ALABAMA
AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 3. PROHIBITIONS

- F. No person shall install or operate an alarm system for the purpose of summoning the police without first obtaining a permit from the office of the Chief of Police. The permit must designate the alarm user, listing at least two other parties to contact in case of alarm, name of the alarm company and the responsible company contact person (to include a local phone number), the complete address by street name and number along with a description of the property (style, type and color of premises).

SECTION 4. PENALTY

- C. Upon receiving two false alarms during a seventy-two (72) hour period, the Fire Official designated to issue Municipal Offense Tickets, in the case of false fire alarms, or a Police Officer with the City of Prichard, in the case of false burglar alarms or other such alarm systems designed to register a signal which is so audible, visible, or in other ways perceptible outside of a protected building, structure or facility as to notify persons in the neighborhood beyond the zoning lot where the signal is located, shall issue a Municipal Offense Ticket to the user of such alarm system, provided, however, said fire or police official may issue a Municipal Offense Ticket on the first offense where, in the determination of the said official, the false alarm poses a real and present threat to the safety of the public.

**SECTION 5. RESPONSE TO FALSE ALARMS: ISSUANCE OF WARNINGS
AND CITATIONS.**

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SECTION 6.

PERMIT/REGISTRATION REQUIRED: EXPIRATION: FEES.

- A. Every fire, police or medical alarm installation company shall:
1. Obtain an installation permit of \$25.00 from the Fire Department of the City of Prichard for all alarm systems required by the Fire Code the City of Prichard, etc. Obtain an installation permit fee of \$25.00 from the Police Department of the City of Prichard.
 2. Supply the Fire and Police Department with evidence of a City of Prichard Business License.
 4. Every alarm system must have installation plans approved by the Fire and Police Department, etc.

SECTION 9.

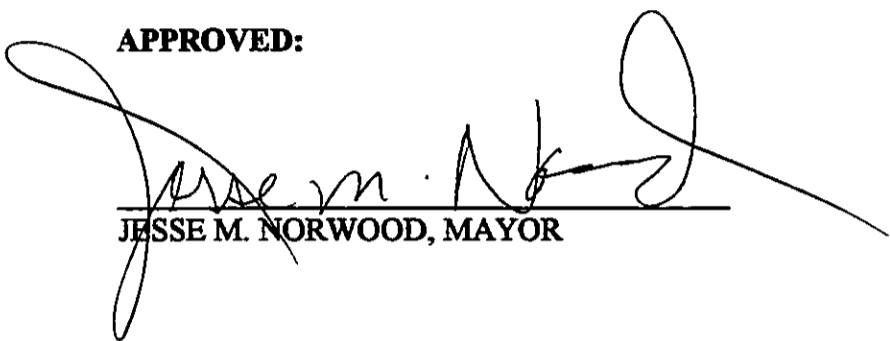
RESPONSE TO ALARMS.

- B. If the Fire or Police Department personnel, as the case may be, at the scene of the activated alarm system determines the alarm to have been false, said personnel shall make (i) a written report of the false alarm, and (ii) a pre-printed, official "Premises Notification Form" being left at the door or with the security alarm user if the user is present. Upon the second such occurrence within seventy-two (72) hours a warning which shall be sent by certified mail or hand delivered to the alarm user, etc.
- C. ~~The Fire or Police Official or duly authorized designee shall have the right to inspect any alarm system on the premises to which a response has been made at the time of the activation of the alarm or he may cause an inspection of such system to be made at any reasonable time thereafter, by appointment, with the owner of the property. The Official shall notify the alarm user and any alarm company involved, so that a representative may be present at the time of the inspection.~~
- D. Premises Notification Form: A Premises Notification Form shall be left at the door or with the security alarm user if the Fire or Police Department personnel determine that the alarm was false. The Premises Notification Form shall state the penalty for false alarms as written in Section 4 of City Ordinance 1803. The Premises Notification Form shall provide a space for the responding Police or Fire official to place the case number of the written report and for the officials name and the date and time of the occurrence.

All other provisions of Ordinance No. 1803 not affected by this amendment shall remain in full force and effect. This Ordinance shall in full force and effect after its adoption and publication as required by law. This Ordinance applies to property within the City of Prichard and police jurisdiction of the City of Prichard and shall be in full force and effect therein.

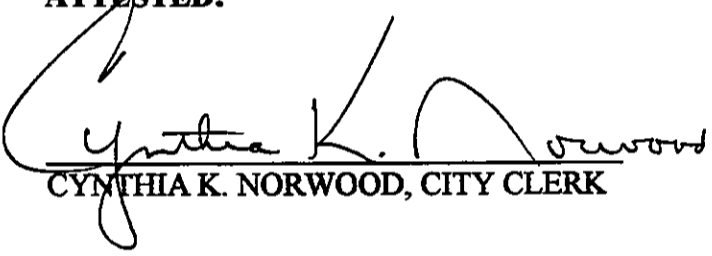
ADOPTED THIS 4th day of August 1998

APPROVED:



JESSE M. NORWOOD, MAYOR

ATTESTED:



CYNTHIA K. NORWOOD, CITY CLERK