

Chapter 47

ALARM DEVICES

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Police Department — See Ch. 35.
Fire prevention — See Ch. 66.

§ 47-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

FALSE ALARM — Any burglary, fire or other alarm resulting in notification to the Swedesboro Police Department and/or Fire Department, caused by inadvertence, negligence or any unintentional act of someone other than an intruder or by malfunctioning of the device or other related equipment.

§ 47-2. Investigation of false alarms; record.

The Police Department of the Borough of Swedesboro shall investigate the causing of false alarms as described above and keep a record of the same.

§ 47-3. Violations and penalties.

- A. Any person, corporation, partnership or other entity who owns or controls a fire, burglary or other similar alarm device in the Borough of Swedesboro, which said device causes more than five (5) false alarms in any given calendar year, shall be deemed in violation of the provisions of this chapter for the sixth false alarm or any subsequent false alarms in such calendar year.
- B. Any person, corporation, partnership or other entity who violates the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to the following penalties:
 - (1) First offense [over five (5) false alarms in a calendar year]: fine of fifty dollars (\$50.) (court appearance not required).
 - (2) Second offense [one (1) subsequent false alarm in the same calendar year]: fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.) (court appearance not required).
 - (3) Third and subsequent offenses (subsequent false alarms in the same calendar year): fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.) per subsequent offense. A court appearance in the Swedesboro Municipal Court shall be required, with the amount of the fine to be determined by the Judge of said Court.
- C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to alarm devices on property owned by the Borough of Swedesboro, the Swedesboro Board of Education or any other similar agency or department of the borough.

§ 47-4. Registration of audible alarms; penalties.

- A. Any person, corporation, partnership or other entity who owns or controls an audible alarm, as defined in § 47-1 of this chapter, in the Borough of Swedesboro shall register the same with the Swedesboro Police Department. Such registration shall be in writing and shall be amended, in writing, from time to time as any changes of applicable information occur. Said registration shall include the following information:

- (1) The address of the alarmed property.
 - (2) The name and telephone number of the property owner.
 - (3) The telephone number to call if the property owner is unavailable.
 - (4) The type of alarm, i.e. burglary, fire, medical alert, etc.
- B. Any person, corporation, partnership or other entity who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.) for each violation.

