

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A POLICY  
FOR SECURITY ALARMS IN THE TOWN OF SPRING HILL  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE  
OF SECURITY ALARMS BY PRIVATE OWNERS OF PROPERTY  
AND THE CONCURRENT ACTIVITY OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS  
RELATING TO PRIVATE SECURITY ALARMS**

**Whereas**, an increasing number of security alarms are being installed in the Town of Spring Hill to protect private property;

**Whereas**, there is a typical pattern of more security alarms being installed as the Town's commercial and residential districts continue to grow and prosper;

**Whereas**, there is also a typical pattern of some alarms being poorly installed and sometimes poorly operated by the parties of interest, resulting in numerous false alarm calls, which calls remove the responding police officers and firefighters from other duties;

**Whereas**, the misuse of the police and departments must be stopped so that prompt and proper service from the departments may be enjoyed by all citizens, and the governing Board should therefore set policy to stop the misuse of the departments by false alarms, the public interest requiring same.

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE** that the Spring Hill 1995 Municipal Code is amended by a security alarm policy as follows:

**Section One: Permitting requirements for alarms.**

Each owner of an intruder (burglar) alarm or a fire alarm shall register the alarm with the Town and pay a one-time registration fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for administrative costs.

The police and fire departments shall keep logs of all such permits to include information on the owner, property, alarm system, vendor of the alarm system, and other pertinent information relating to the alarm permit.

**Section Two: Standard of alarm performance.**

Alarms installed by or for owners of property for the purpose of alerting persons in proximity by alarm sound, or directly alerting emergency personnel or law enforcement, shall be maintained and operated by the owners of such alarms in such manner so as not to activate by sound or signal unless unauthorized persons are entering the premises.

A rebuttable presumption of "false alarm" shall exist if an activation of the alarm is caused by a reason other than an extreme weather event, an unauthorized entry of premises by a person or persons, or a fire..

**Section Three: Citations for false alarms..**

After the fifth (5th) false alarm in any calendar year, the police or fire department shall be authorized to issue a citation into the Spring Hill City Court for all subsequent false alarms during that calendar year to the person or entity in whose name the alarm is registered, or the owner of the alarm or the premises from which the false alarms came..

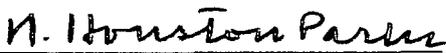
Passed and adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Spring Hill, Tennessee, on the 15th day of April, 1996.

  
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RON HANKINS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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JUNE QUIRK, RECORDER

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:

  
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N. HOUSTON PARKS, ATTORNEY

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