

Town of Woodstock
Alarm Ordinance; Revised 2/21/17

- 1 **Authority** Adopted under authority of T 24 Sec 1971, 2291 (14), (15).
- 2 **Purpose** Reduce volume of false alarms that disrupt a volunteer fire department.
- 3 **Definitions** This section defines words and terms as use in this ordinance.
- 4 **Tape Dialer Prohibition:** Prohibits tape dialers.
- 5 **Standards** Establishes standards for equipment and personnel who service them.
- 6 **Lock Box Req.** Requires ALL property that has an alarm to also have a key to the premises in an outdoor locked box, by KNOX Co., that the fire department can access.
- 7 **Registration required** Requires annual registration of all alarm systems
- 8 **False Alarms:** Authorizes the Fire Chief and the Police Chief to order an alarm system to be serviced by a licensed technician.
- 9 **Penalties and Enforcement** Establishes penalties for all violations of this ordinance.
10. **Liability** The Town has no liability regarding the proper functioning of a privately owned and operated alarm system.
11. **Severability** Any section found invalid by a court is severed from the remainder of the ordinance.
- 12 **Publication and Posting** This summary will be published in a newspaper of record according to state law and the full ordinance will be posted in 5 places.
- 13 **Information:** Municipal Mgr. Philip Swanson is knowledgeable about this Ordinance and will answer questions regarding this Ordinance. Telephone 457 - 3456 to ask any questions you may have or to request information regarding this ordinance.
- 14 **Right to petition** Citizens may file a petition within 45 days of 2/21/17; for a vote of the Town to ratify or reject this Ordinance.
- 15 **Adoption and Effective Date:** Adopted 2/21/17 and effective 4/22/17, unless a petition is received within 45 days.