

DEC 11, 1990

ORDINANCE 91-01 - ALARM ORDINANCE

An ordinance of the Township of West Pikeland, County of Chester, Commonwealth of Penna. establishing regulations for burglar, fire and other emergency alarm systems and providing penalties for responses to false alarms.

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township, Chester County does hereby enact and ordain as follows:

Sec. 1. Definitions.

a. Alarm system: Any assembly of equipment mechanically, electrically or battery operated, arranged to signal the occurrence of a police, fire or medical emergency requiring immediate attention to which the West Pikeland Police Department responds.

b. False Alarm: An alarm or alarms activated in the absence of an emergency, whether willfully or by inadvertence, negligence or unintentional act, including the malfunction of an alarm system to which the West Pikeland Police Department responds but excluding alarms caused by malfunctions of the Chester County Department of Emergency Service receiving equipment if such alarm is directly connected to the alarm board, testing or repairing of telephone or electrical lines or equipment outside the premises, acts of God such as earthquake, flood, windstorm, thunder or lightning. An instance where there has been an attempted illegal entry of which there is visible evidence, a crime in progress and/or actual emergency including medical emergency requiring police, fire and/or medical personnel shall not be considered a false alarm.

Section 2. From and after the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or

corporation to maintain in operation or service capable of transmitting an alarm, whether by prerecorded voice over regular telephone lines or by audible siren, to any organization official or volunteer for dealing with emergencies involving danger to life or property, knowing or having reason to know that such device transmits alarms to any such organization in the absence of an actual and existing emergency involving danger to life or property.

Section 3. From and after the effective date of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person intentionally to activate an alarm for other than a hold up, or burglary in progress or a medical emergency or a fire.

Section 4. If doubt exists as to the cause of a false alarm, the Chief of Police or his designee shall make the final decision as to the circumstances of the activation. Multiple alarms received before the system can be deactivated shall be considered a single alarm.

Section 5. Any person firm or corporation found guilty of a violation of this ordinance by a district justice shall be liable to a fine of \$25.00 plus costs of prosecution provided that the first two false alarm activations in any calendar year shall result only in a police warning.

Section 6. Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any other part thereof.

Section 7. This ordinance shall become effective
January 2, 1991.

Enacted and ordained this 17th day of December, 1990.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Alfred R. Brady
Chairman

Attest:

Pat R. Miller
Secretary

Pat Stone

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WEST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP

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FAX TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

*Date: June 14, 1999
To: Gramling & Associates
Fax: 610-524-1909
Re: Alarm Ordinance
Sender: Jodi Harvey*

*YOU SHOULD RECEIVE 4 PAGE(S), INCLUDING THIS COVER SHEET. IF
YOU DO NOT RECEIVE ALL THE PAGES, PLEASE CALL (610) 827-7660.*

Joel please review the following ordinance which I found hiding in our files and see if you feel that it will be sufficient.