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GENERAL REFERENCES

Noise — See Ch. 97.

ARTICLE I
Continuous Noise From Alarms
[Adopted 3-21-79 as L.L. No. 1-1979]

§ 46-1. Operation of audible alarms regulated.

Every burglar and/or fire alarm system installed in a residence in this village which is audible beyond the boundaries of the premises in which it is installed shall be maintained in a manner that will prevent its continuous operation for a period in excess of thirty (30) minutes.

§ 46-2. Penalties for offenses. [Amended 5-17-89 by L.L. No. 1-1989]

Each person who violates any provision of this Article shall, for each and every day that said violation continues, be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) or imprisonment for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment.

ARTICLE II
Alarm Systems
[Adopted 8-15-84 as L.L. No. 5-1984]

§ 46-3. Title and purposes.

This Article shall be known as the "Alarm System Law" and is intended to foster and render more effective the use of alarm systems having the capability of calling or signaling law enforcement authorities.

§ 46-4. Definitions.

For the purposes of this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ALARM SYSTEM — A burglar alarm system, a fire alarm system or a system combining the elements of a burglar and fire alarm system or a system for transmission of other emergency signals.

FALSE ALARM — Any emergency message or signal which is transmitted directly or indirectly to the village police office to which the village police office or other emergency personnel respond and which signal is not the result of a robbery, burglary, other crime, fire or emergency. An activated alarm signal which is promptly followed by a call to the police office properly notifying the police that the signal is to be disregarded shall not constitute a "false alarm."

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§ 46-5. False alarms; penalties for offenses.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person owning, occupying or otherwise controlling any premises in the village equipped with an alarm system to cause or permit a false alarm to be emitted by the said system. Each person owning, occupying or controlling any such premise at the time such false alarm is emitted shall be presumed to have caused or permitted the said false alarm.
- B. Any person violating the provisions of this Article shall be subject to a fine as follows:
- (1) First through fourth false alarm in each calendar year: no fine.
 - (2) Fifth through 10th false alarm in each calendar year: twenty-five dollars (\$25.) each.
 - (3) Each additional false alarm in each calendar year: fifty dollars (\$50.) each.