

**ORDINANCE NO. 12, 2013**  
**ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR ALARM SYSTEMS**

**EFFECTIVE AUGUST 14, 2013**

**SECTION 1.** Within ninety days of the passage of this Ordinance, every existing alarm user shall register with the Cleves Police Department. Each alarm user shall pay to the Village of Cleves a one time alarm user fee in the amount of \$10.00. No permit issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall be transferred. Any resident or business who does not currently own an alarm system shall not make an alarm system operational until an alarm user's permit has been properly obtained.

**SECTION 2.** A False Alarm is defined herein to mean the activation of an alarm system through mechanical failure, malfunction, improperly installed or improperly maintained alarm system equipment, or the negligence of the owner or lessee of an alarm system or his/her employees or agent. False alarm shall not include those resulting from causes identified and determined to be beyond the control of the owner or lessee. An alarm canceled by the operator within five minutes of activation shall not be considered a false alarm.

**SECTION 3.** If any alarm system produces two false alarms in any twelve consecutive month period, written notice of that fact shall be given by regular mail or delivery to the subscriber. Upon the third false alarm produced by any alarm system within any twelve consecutive month period, an administrative fee of \$50.00 shall be assessed. For a fourth false alarm in a twelve consecutive month period, an administrative fee of \$100.00 shall be assessed. For a fifth false alarm, an administrative fee of \$150.00 shall be assessed. For a sixth false alarm, an administrative fee of \$200.00 shall be assessed.

**SECTION 4.** Upon the seventh false alarm produced by any alarm system in any twelve consecutive month period, an administrative fee of \$250.00 shall be assessed and a disconnect order issued. The Chief of Police will order an Alarm User to disconnect an alarm system immediately so signals are not emitted to the Police Department either directly or indirectly.

**SECTION 5.** The Alarm User may appeal whether or not a false alarm has occurred. A written request for an appeal must be submitted to the Chief of Police within thirty calendar days after notice of the false alarm warning, assessment of an administrative fee or disconnect order.

**SECTION 6.** Any person who fails to pay any assessment for a false alarm as provided in this ordinance and which remains unpaid for thirty days after the date of invoice for a false alarm(s), shall be ordered by the Chief of Police to immediately disconnect the alarm system so that it does not signal the Police Department either directly or indirectly.

**SECTION 7.** Failure to disconnect an alarm system after being duly ordered by the Chief of Police to do so shall constitute a minor misdemeanor.

**SECTION 8.** An alarm system may be reconnected only if satisfactory evidence is provided to the Chief of Police that the alarm system has been repaired so that it does not emit further false alarms, and upon payment of all delinquent charges assessed for false alarms.

**SECTION 9.** Any assessment issued under the terms of this Ordinance that remains unpaid for more than thirty days after the date of invoice shall be certified by the Village Clerk to the Hamilton County Auditor and shall be entered upon the tax duplicate as a lien upon the land from the date of the entry, shall be collected as other taxes, and shall be paid to the Village and placed in the Village general fund.