



SALINAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Burglary and Robbery Alarms

Salinas Ordinance 1818 NCS



Installation of alarm systems to combat crime is becoming increasingly popular. The Salinas Police Department continues to encourage their use since a properly functioning alarm often results in the apprehension of criminals or at least the safeguarding of persons and property.

Unfortunately, there is also a negative aspect to alarm utilization; the problem of “false alarms.” These are alarms that are activated because of user error or mechanical defect. A survey conducted by the Salinas Police Department revealed that nearly all alarm response calls were “false alarms.” Each alarm requires at least two police officers to respond and consumes about one hour of time. Consequently, “false alarms” waste a significant amount of available manpower. Equally important, officers must respond in an emergency manner, which is not without danger to themselves and other innocent citizens.

Many cities and counties who also experience this problem have enacted alarm ordinances to curb “false alarms.” The results have been very encouraging - usually a 50 - 75% reduction. Accordingly, the City of Salinas has adopted such an ordinance. Salinas’ alarm ordinance requires all alarm users, alarm agents and alarm businesses to register with the Salinas Police Department. Applications are available at the Police Department, 222 Lincoln Avenue, or from any licensed Salinas alarm business, also available online at www.salinaspd.com.

Perhaps the most effective aspect of the ordinance is the assessment of “service fees.” There is an initial permit fee of \$36.00. Each false alarm will be assessed at \$114.00 for each occurrence.

There will be a yearly renewal fee of \$20.00 for each alarm permit. Your yearly renewal date is the month your alarm application was submitted. For example, if your alarm application was processed in the month of September, your yearly renewal fee will be due in the month of September. An invoice will be sent to you in advance of your renewal date.

Alarms activated by unusual weather conditions, earthquakes, power outages and the like and not the results of negligence on the part of the user will not be considered as false alarms.

The adoption of the alarm ordinance is for the sole purpose of controlling negligent alarm usage not to discourage the installation of proper alarm systems. Significant manpower savings will result if the ordinance is adhered to. These savings will result in a more productive use of time.



APPLICATION FOR ALARM DEVICE

Salinas Police Dept.
222 Lincoln Avenue
Salinas, CA 93901
(831) 758-7363

*Print all information required on this application.

ALARM TYPE _____ where sounded _____
(burglar, robbery, etc.) (premises, County Communications, answering services, etc.)

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Business Phone: _____

HOMEOWNERS/RESIDENTS INFORMATION (Circle One)

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Spouse/Other: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

ALARM COMPANY OR AGENT

Alarm Company: _____ Agent: _____

Address: _____ Business Phone: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (List names of people who are able to respond within 15 minutes)

(ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NEEDED)

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Owner/Manager/Resident: _____ Date: _____

We, the undersigned, hereby request permission to install/operate an alarm device within the City of Salinas for the purpose of summoning the assistance of appropriate employees of the City of Salinas and agree to hold the City harmless for any failure to respond to any activation, or apparent activation, of the alarm device, for any reason whatsoever. In addition, we acknowledge that the City of Salinas reserves the right to disconnect, order disconnection, or terminate normal response to the alarm device would constitute a detriment to the public health, safety and welfare, and that we are responsible for any charges relating to disconnection or termination of the alarm device by the City.

This permit shall be subject to the fees and conditions specified in Section 1818 NCS of the Salinas City Code. Subscriber agrees to abide by such conditions and acknowledges reading and having been explained, said Section. The City reserves the right to amend said section without notice to subscribers.

Return completed application to: Salinas Police Department, 222 Lincoln Ave, Salinas, CA 93901 -- Attn: Alarm Control

For further information and additional applications go to: www.salinaspd.com - Online Reports