

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE, WISCONSIN
Adopted pursuant to Sec. 25.01 of the Town of Cottage Grove Code

Title: False Alarms Prohibited

Code Section(s) created, amended , or repealed	<u>11.08</u>
Presented to Board by	<u>Police Chief, Town Clerk</u>
Committee Review by	<u>None</u>
Date(s) Public Hearing(s) held (if required)	<u>November 17, 2008</u>
Date adopted	<u>November 17, 2008</u>
Vote	<u>5-0</u>
Date of posting of adoption of ordinance	<u>November 19, 2008</u>
Date of publication of adoption of ordinance	<u>November 22, 2008</u>

The Town Board of the Town of Cottage Grove does ordain as follows:

TCG Ord. Section 11.08 entitled “False Alarms Prohibited” is hereby created to read as follows:

11.08 FALSE ALARMS PROHIBITED

(1) DEFINITIONS

(a) “False Signal” means any signal which is emitted by an intrusion, fire, holdup or other alarm system which is not the result of an intrusion by persons, a fire, or a holdup. A signal is emitted for the purposes of this ordinance when it is directly transmitted to a Law Enforcement Department or Fire Department or transmitted to any person who subsequently reports such signal to a Law Enforcement Department or Fire Department.

(b) “Owner” means the person or legal entity that owns the property from which the false signal is emitted, except that, if the premises are leased or rented, the lessee or occupant of the property or part thereof from which the false signal is emitted shall be deemed the owner.

(2) FALSE ALARMS PROHIBITED

(a) No person shall permit an intrusion, fire, holdup alarm or any other alarm system to repeatedly emit false signals.

(3) RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATION OF ALARM SYSTEMS.

(a) Upon a finding that a signal from an alarm system is a false signal, the Law Enforcement Department shall notify the building owner of the false signal. It shall then be the responsibility of the owner to secure the building and prevent additional false signals. A second or subsequent false alarm within a twelve-hour period shall constitute a violation of this ordinance and the building owner shall be liable for such violation.

(b) No building owner shall permit an alarm system to emit more than three false signals during any sixty-day period. A fourth false signal during a sixty-day period shall constitute a violation of this ordinance and the building owner shall be liable for such violation.

(4) PENALTY FOR VIOLATION

(a) Any violation of this ordinance shall be subject to a Class C forfeiture as specified in

TCG Ord. 25.04(1)(b). Each and every day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.

(5) EFFECTIVE DATE

This section shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Adopted this 17th day of November, 2008, by a vote of 5 for, 0 against, and 0 abstain.

(Signed Copy Available in the Clerk's Office)

TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE

Kris Hampton, Town Chair

ATTEST:

Kim Banigan, Town Clerk

Approved as to form as of this
_____ day of _____, 2008.

ANDERSON & KENT, S.C.

Constance L. Anderson
Cottage Grove Town Attorney