

Ordinance 02-12 Alarm Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROSWELL AMENDING SECTION 7-132 OF THE ROSWELL CITY CODE ALARM ORDINANCE 01-04 ARTICLE X; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FIXING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, THE Roswell Police Department is requested to each year answer thousands of alarm calls from residences and businesses, and;

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these calls are false alarms, and;

WHEREAS, false alarm calls remove patrol officers from their duties;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO that:

1. Sections 7-132 is amended as follows:

Section 7-132. Registration required; application; fees; transferability; false statements; term
(amended)

- (a) No alarm user shall operate, or cause to be operated, an alarm system at its alarm site without a valid alarm registration issued by the alarm administrator. A separate registration is required for each alarm site. An additional alarm registration classification shall be required for alarm systems programmed with duress alarm or holdup alarm.
- (b) The annual fee for a registration or registration renewal for an alarm site is \$ 25.00. No refund of a registration or registration renewal will be made. The initial annual registration fee must be submitted to the alarm administrator within ten (10) days after the alarm installation or alarm takeover.
 - (1) The annual fee for a registration renewal for an alarm site with no record of a false alarm with the alarm administration office within the permit's previous 12-month registration period shall be \$ 10.00.
 - (2) The annual fee for a registration and a registration renewal for a residential alarm site used by an individual 62 years of age and older shall be waived. Proof of age will be submitted to the Alarms Administrator.
 - (3) The annual fee for a registration and a registration renewal for an alarm site owned by a municipal, county, state, and federal government agency shall be waived.
- (c) Upon receipt of a completed application form and the alarm registration fee, the alarm administrator shall register the applicant unless the applicant has:
 - (1) Failed to pay a fine assessed under Section 7-139 or,
 - (2) Had an alarm registration for the alarm site suspended or revoked, and the violation causing the suspension or revocation has not been corrected.
- (d) Each alarm registration application must include any information necessary in order to ensure compliance with this ordinance.
- (e) Any false statement of a material fact made by an applicant for the purpose of obtaining an alarm registration shall be sufficient cause for refusal to issue a registration.
- (f) An alarm registration is non-transferable. An alarm user shall inform the alarm administrator of any change that alters any information listed on the registration application within five (5) business days.

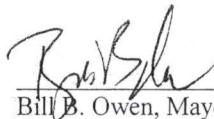
(g) All fees or fines owed by an applicant must be paid before a registration may be issued or renewed.

(h) A registration shall expire one (1) year from the date of issuance, and must be renewed annually by submitting an updated application and a registration renewal fee to the alarm administrator. The alarm administrator shall notify each alarm user of the need to renew thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the registration. It is the responsibility of the alarm user to submit an application prior to the registration expiration date. Failure to renew will be classified as use of a non-registered alarm system and citations and penalties shall be assessed without waiver. A \$25 late fee can be assessed if the renewal is more than thirty (30) days late.

2. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or part of any ordinance heretofore repealed.

3. Severability. If any paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance for any reason shall be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any part of this ordinance.

Passed, adopted, signed and approved this 14th day of November, 2002.



Bill B. Owen, Mayor

City Seal

Attest:



Timothy Stoessel, City Clerk