

Ordinance No. 91-9

1/14/91

AN ORDINANCE OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING ST. JOHNS COUNTY ORDINANCE 78-51 WHICH IS THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY FIRE, ROBBERY, BURGLARY, MEDICAL AND OTHER EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM ORDINANCE. THIS AMENDMENT ADDS A DEFINITION FOR CUT OFF SWITCH; MODIFIES THE REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER ALARM SYSTEMS; ADDS A SECTION ON DEACTIVATION OF ALARM SYSTEMS; MODIFIES PROCEDURES FOR FALSE ALARMS; MODIFIES IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES; MODIFIES ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; PROVIDES AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION I: St. Johns County Ordinance 78-51, is amended by adding the following (ee) to SECTION II: Definitions.

(ee) "Cut off switch" means an internal control of the alarm system which will automatically turn off the audible signal of the alarm system.

SECTION II: St. Johns County Ordinance 78-51 is amended by deleting SECTION V: Requirements to register alarm system and by substituting the following in its stead:

SECTION VA: Requirement to register alarm systems. Prior to the installation or use of any type robbery, burglar, fire, emergency medical or other emergency response alarm, within the unincorporated areas of St. Johns County, Florida, the alarm user shall furnish to the St. Johns County Sheriff's Department his name, address and telephone number and information regarding the full names, addresses and telephone numbers of at least two people who can be reached at all times and who are authorized to enter the premises and deactivate the alarm system. If any such person shall fail to appear and turn off any such alarm system within two (2) hours after being notified by the Sheriff's office to do so, then the alarm user of the premises shall be in violation of this ordinance.

SECTION III: St. Johns County Ordinance 78-51 is amended by adding the following SECTION VB thereto:

SECTION VB: Deactivation of alarm systems All alarm systems shall have a thirty (30) minute Cut off switch installed. Failure to install a Cut off switch shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.

SECTION IV: St. Johns County Ordinance 78-51 is amended by deleting SECTION VI: Procedures for false alarms and by adding and substituting the following in its stead:

SECTION VI: Procedure for false alarms

For a response by the Sheriff's office, a County fire department, an emergency medical agency or any other County funded emergency response agency to any false alarm within St. Johns County the Sheriff shall require the alarm user to do the following:

- (1) For a response to premises at which no other false alarm has occurred within the preceding six month period, hereinafter referred to as a "first response," the alarm user shall, within ten (10) working days after notice to do so, make a written report to the Sheriff on forms prescribed by him setting forth the cause of such false alarm, the corrective action taken, whether such alarm has been inspected by an authorized serviceman, and such other information as the Sheriff may reasonably require to determine the cause of such false alarm and the corrective action taken. Failure to make a written report as described above shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.
- (2) For a second response to premise within six months after a first response, a written report shall be required as for a first response. Failure to make a written report as described above shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.
- (3) For a third response to a premises within six months after a first response, the alarm user shall be in violation of this ordinance and subject to the provision as described in SECTION VIII Enforcement and penalties of this ordinance. Further the Sheriff may order the disconnection of any alarm system that requires maintenance or repair to operate properly and it shall be unlawful and a violation of this ordinance to reconnect such alarm system until such corrective action is taken; provided, that no disconnection shall be ordered as to any premises required by law to

have an alarm system in operation. Failure to make a written report as described above shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.

- (4) Hold-up alarm (robbery). The same procedures as outlined above for false alarms shall apply to robbery alarms, except that owners or managers of premises protected by robbery alarms must additionally include in any written report submitted to the Sheriff an outline of such corrective measures as may have been taken to prevent future accidental triggering of the alarm system by employees. Failure to make a written report as described above shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.

SECTION V: St. Johns County Ordinance 78-51 is amended by deleting SECTION VII: Implementing Procedures and by adding and substituting the following in its stead:

SECTION VII: Implementation Procedures

- (a) The Sheriff shall establish procedures governing the implementation of this Ordinance, including but not limited to:
- (1) Registration procedures and forms
 - (2) Processing of false alarm reports submitted by alarm users
 - (3) Alarm deactivation procedures
 - (4) Record keeping systems
 - (5) Alarm response procedures
 - (6) Notification procedures
- (b) These procedures shall be reviewed periodically by the Sheriff and changes may be made as deemed necessary.

SECTION VI: St. Johns County Ordinance 78-51 is amended by deleting SECTION VIII: Enforcement and penalties and by adding and substituting the following in its stead:

SECTION VIII: Enforcement and penalties. A violation of or failure to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor and punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment in the St. Johns County jail for a term not to exceed sixty (60) days, or both fine and imprisonment.

SECTION VIII: Effective Date This Ordinance shall take effect upon receipt of official acknowledgment by the Office of the Department of State to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners that same has been filed.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida this 12th day of March, 1991.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Donald A. Hurd
Its Chairman

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

BY: Carl Bud Markel
Clerk

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 25, 1991

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STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared _____

SHERRY L. RAUCH who on oath says that she is ACCOUNTING CLERK of the St. Augustine Record, a

daily newspaper published at St. Augustine in St. Johns County, Florida: that the attached copy of advertisement, being a NOTICE TO INTENT

_____ in the matter of Ordinance No. 78-51

_____ in the _____ Court,

was published in said newspaper in the issues of January 24, 1991

Affiant further says that the St. Augustine Record is a newspaper published at St. Augustine, in said St. Johns County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said St. Johns County, Florida, each day and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in the City of St. Augustine, in said St. Johns County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that she has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing the advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

Sherry L. Rauch

Sworn to and subscribed before me Zoe Ann Johns

this 24th day of January

A.D. 19 91

Zoe Ann Johns Notary Public

8/25/93

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1991, AT 9:30 O'CLOCK A.M. IN THE COUNTY AUDITORIUM, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 4020 LEWIS SPEEDWAY (COUNTY ROAD 16-A) AND U.S. #1 NORTH, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE:

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The proposed Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, St. Johns County, Florida, St. Johns County Administration Building, Lewis Speedway, and may be examined by parties interested prior to said public hearing.

All parties having any interest in said Ordinance will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purposes he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA Carl "Bud" Markel, Its Clerk By Annette Williams Deputy Clerk L368 Jan. 24, 1991.