

**ORDINANCE NO. 11-2011
TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8.08, ENTITLED "ALARM SYSTEMS," OF THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, in the County of Hunterdon, and State of New Jersey that Chapter 8.08, entitled "Alarm Systems" of the Code of the Township of Tewksbury is hereby amended as follows and all other sections will remain unchanged:

8.08.040 Permit required.

A. No person shall install, operate or maintain, or cause to be installed, operated or maintained, an alarm system within the township without first receiving a permit from the Construction Code Office and Township Police Department as provided in this chapter.

8.08.050 Applications for permits--Fees--Expirations and renewals.

D. For all alarm systems, a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be submitted with the initial application for a new permit, and a fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) shall be submitted with the application for a renewal permit.

E. Permits are to be renewed annually. All permits shall expire on December 31st of the year issued. Renewal applications must be submitted on or before November 30th of each year, accompanied by a check in the amount of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) made payable to the Township. Failure to renew an existing permit will be treated as an initial application.

8.08.060 Standards for alarm systems.

G. Permits for local alarm systems shall not be issued with respect to buildings which are not owner-occupied, prior to receipt by the Chief of Police of satisfactory proof that the occupant of the building has been notified of the existence of such alarm system, or of the intent to install such alarm system, and of the provisions of this chapter. Tenants of buildings must obtain owners' authorization when applying for a construction permit and alarm permit prior to installation.

8.08.080 Violation--Penalty.

B. A violation of this chapter shall exist when an alarm system emits or causes a false alarm. A one-month grace period shall be observed after the installation of any new alarm, during which time any false alarms will not be considered. False alarms shall be recorded after initial registration. The following penalties shall apply for the designated number of false alarms emitted or caused by any alarm system subject to control by the same alarm user:

1. For the first false alarm, a written warning shall be issued by the Chief of Police or designee.

2. For the second false alarm, a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be paid to the Township.
3. For the third false alarm, a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) shall be paid to the Township. An alarm company certification for the system must be presented to demonstrate that the system is functioning properly. Failure to provide the certification will result in an additional five hundred dollar (\$500.00) fine.
4. For the fourth or subsequent false alarm, a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) shall be paid to the Township and a mandatory court appearance will be required. An alarm company certification for the system must be presented to demonstrate that the system is functioning properly. Failure to provide the certification will result in an additional five hundred dollar (\$500.00) fine.
5. (deleted in its entirety)

C. Any person owning or maintaining an alarm system for which a permit is required without such permit being in force, shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

D. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter except for subsection A, B or C of this section shall, for each offense, be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Each incident shall be considered a separate violation.

E. All Fire Departments servicing Tewksbury Township shall notify the Chief of Police for all false alarms using the form provided by the Tewksbury Police Department.

All other provisions of Chapter 8.08 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and adoption and publication according to law.

Peter Melick
Mayor

Attest:

Roberta A. Brassard
Municipal Clerk