

DIVISION VI. FIRE ALARMS

Section 6.01. Definitions

- A. **Alarm Device.** Any device which transmits a prerecorded message or other signal by telephone, radio, or other means to a central alarm station or telephone answering service or directly to the Squaw Valley Fire Department or other emergency dispatch room, or produces an audible or visible signal designed to notify person within audible or visual range of the signal.
- B. **Alarm Installation.** Any alarm device or aggregation of alarm devices installed on or within a single building or on or within more than one building or area adjacently located on a common site or in or on an open area or fenced area.
- C. **Alarm System.** All alarm devices and alarm installations located totally or partially within Squaw Valley Fire Department service boundary and owned, operated or maintained by a single individual, business, firm, corporation, or other commercial entity or any combination thereof.
- D. **False Alarms.** Any signal or message produced in error or caused to be produced in error by an alarm system to which Squaw Valley Fire Department responds. As used herein "in error" includes willful and/or accidental human action. Included within the definition of false alarms are signals and messages from alarm systems received by telephone answering services and central alarm stations which are relayed directly to the Squaw Valley Fire Department.
- E. **Smoke Detection System.** A device or combination of devices designed and installed to alert occupants of a building to the presence or smoke within the structure. A smoke detection system differs from an alarm system in that no signal is transmitted to an alarm monitoring service, telephone answering service, public safety answering point, public safety agency or any other location removed from the premises. [Added by Ord. 98-1]

Section 6.02 Structures Requiring Smoke Detection Systems

In addition to the requirements of the latest edition of the Uniform Fire Code (U.F.C.) the following requirements shall be added to Section 1007.2.9.1 of the Uniform Fire Code:

The following categories shall have installed throughout the structure a smoke detection system installed in accordance with Uniform Building Code Section 310.9.1:

- 1. New construction of a one or two family dwelling.
 - a. In addition to the requirements of U.B.C. Section 310.9.1, the smoke detection system shall include an audible warning device on the exterior of the structure.
 - b. Carbon monoxide detectors shall be installed on each level where sleeping rooms are provided. A detector shall be provided within twenty (20) feet of the entrance to each sleeping room. Carbon monoxide detectors shall be provided with battery back-up power with primary power provided by one of the following:

- i. Hard-wired to the building electrical system.
 - ii. Installed in a non-switched, dedicated outlet.
 - iii. Connected to a central alarm system that operates from line power with a battery powered back-up capability.
 - c. Carbon monoxide detectors shall be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions for placement on the wall or ceiling.
(Ord 05-02 05-31-05)
- 2. Addition to an existing structure or remodel requiring a building permit for an existing one or two family dwelling.
 - a. A smoke detection system meeting the requirements of U.B.C. Section 310.9.1 shall be installed throughout the dwelling. (Ord. 98-1 04-30-98)
 - b. Carbon monoxide detectors shall be installed on each level where sleeping rooms are provided. A detector shall be provided within twenty (20) feet of the entrance to each sleeping room. Carbon monoxide detectors may either be powered by the building electrical system with line power and battery back-up or by battery power with a low-battery alarm. (Ord 05-02 05-31-05)

Section 6.03 Access To Structures Having Alarm Systems

The owner of real property where an alarm system is installed shall be required to provide emergency access to Squaw Valley Fire Department by providing a set of keys to the property housed in a lock-box meeting the specifications of Squaw Valley Fire Department at an approved location on the property. [This Section 6.03 added by Ord. 98-1]

Section 6.04. Emergency Service Charge For False Alarms

- A. Any owner of real property where alarm devices, installations or systems are installed, which alarm devices, installations or systems produce two or more false alarms within a 30-day period shall pay the Squaw Valley Fire Department for responding to such false alarm the following:
 - 1. First false alarm: A formal notice will be issued at no cost.
 - 2. Second and all subsequent false alarms within 30 days of first false alarm: total cost of manpower and equipment.
- B. In the event that a false alarm is relayed to the Squaw Valley Fire Department by a telephone answering service or by a central alarm station, such answering service or alarm station shall be jointly and severally liable with the owner of the alarm device, installation or system for the payment of any charges pursuant to this section if the owner establishes, by reasonable evidence, that the telephone answering service or central alarm station was negligent and that negligence caused the false alarm or contributed to the false alarm.
- C. In the event that the Squaw Valley Fire Department receives three or more false alarms from the alarm device, installation or system within a 30-day period, the Squaw Valley Fire

Department will notify, in writing, the owner of such device, installation or system that they will apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for injunctive relief seeking immediate remedy of the system or a court order of this connection within ten (10) days of said notice. If such injunction is applied for, the Squaw Valley Fire Department shall be entitled to the reasonable value of attorney's fees incurred in such injunction and in all efforts to enforce said injunction and the owner shall be personally liable therefor as well as the telephone answering service and/or central alarm station if the court determines that to be appropriate.

- D. All charges pursuant to this section must be paid within ten (10) days after submittal of such charges by the Squaw Valley Fire Department.

Section 6.05 Remedies of Squaw Valley Fire Department in the Event of Nonpayment Of Charges

- A. If any charge imposed pursuant to this Division remains outstanding for a period of sixty (60) days from date of submittal of the invoice date, the Squaw Valley Fire Department shall have all remedies available at law and may, as a cumulative remedy, request that water, garbage and other services provided by the Squaw Valley Public Service District be disconnected pursuant to proper notification under this Code.
- B. In the event of any discontinuance of service pursuant to subparagraph A above, such discontinued services shall not be restored until all reimbursement costs under this Division and those associated with the discontinuance of water, garbage or other services allowed under this Code are paid in full.

Section 6.06. Appeals

Any person may appeal any charge, disconnection order or refusal of reconnection privileges by petitioning the Board of Directors of the Squaw Valley Public Service District within ten (10) days of receipt of the charge, disconnection order or refusal of reconnection privileges.