



## **Teton County Sheriff's Office**

**Sheriff Tony Liford**

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### **PERMIT APPLICATION AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF AN ALARM SYSTEM**

#### **REQUIREMENT FOR PERMIT; EXCEPTIONS**

Any alarm system maintained, operated, used, or attempted to be used in violation of this ordinance shall be deemed a public nuisance alarm. No person shall operate, cause to be operated, or allow the operation of an alarm system unless a valid permit has been issued by the Sheriff for that alarm system. Any person who operates, causes to be operated, or allows the operation of an alarm system without a valid permit may be subject to criminal prosecution, imposition of fines, response fees and/or other costs.

An applicant is required to apply for a permit for an alarm system installed or to be installed on so much of the premises to which the person to whom a permit is to be issued has legal rights of ownership or possession. If a business or residence has one or more Alarm Systems protecting two or more separate structures having different addresses, a separate Alarm Permit will be required for each structure. The issuance of a permit authorizing the use of an alarm system is not intended to nor shall it create a contract, either express or implied, creating a duty or guarantee of response from the Sheriff, the Teton County Sheriff's Office, Teton County, or any other agency of Teton County. When applicant tenders a completed application, it will be considered timely filed subject to these rules on the date the applicant either files a completed application in person or the postmark date when a completed application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO PERMIT APPLICATION**

Whenever a person listed on the application or listed on an amendment to the application is unable or unwilling to perform the duties herein, the permit holder shall file an amendment to the permit application listing a person or company who is able and will perform those duties. So that at all times the application on file with the Sheriff's Alarm Detail designates at least two (2) persons or an alarm system business who are able and willing to perform such duties. Changes in emergency telephone numbers shall be kept current by the Alarm User and the Alarm Company and failure of either to provide current information to the Sheriff's Office shall constitute grounds for revocation or suspension of the Alarm Permit. All Alarm Companies and Alarm Users must notify the Sheriff's Office in writing of cancellation of service or change of information concerning the Alarm Users. Alarm Companies shall not be held responsible for violation of this section if they have not been notified by the Alarm User.

#### **TERM OF PERMIT; RENEWAL**

Each permit issued pursuant to these rules shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance as stated on the permit. If the permit holder relinquishes control of the alarm site before the expiration of one year, the permit shall expire on the date of such relinquishment. The Sheriff shall give the permit holder a least thirty (30) days' notice of the expiration date and the need for timely renewal; provided, however, that such notice or lack thereof for whatever reason shall not relieve the permit holder of his duty to renew such permit as provided hereunder. On or before the expiration of the permit, the permit holder shall submit to the Alarm Detail a renewal application. If any fees, or costs remain owed to Teton County that are beyond thirty (30) days in arrears pursuant to these rules, the Sheriff may deny the renewal application until such time that all fines, fees or costs have been paid.

#### **PERMITS NONTRANSFERABLE**

Each permit issued shall be valid only for the alarm site permitted and is not transferable to another person or other alarm site. Upon transfer from the permit holder of ownership or leasehold rights to the alarm site, a new permit must be applied for in accordance with these rules.

#### **PERMITS TO BE KEPT AT ALARM SITE**

The permit holder shall keep the permit at the alarm site and shall produce such permit for inspection upon the request of any County law enforcement official.

### **DUTIES OF PERMIT HOLDER**

The permit holder shall ensure that he or any person listed is able to (1) receive notification at any time; (2) come to the alarm site within one (1) hour after receiving a request from a County law enforcement official to do so, or immediately upon the receipt of the request from the County law enforcement official, advise the official when the estimated time the permit holder will arrive at the alarm site; and, grant access to the alarm site and deactivate the alarm system if necessary. The permit holder shall additionally ensure that all persons authorized to activate or deactivate the alarm system are trained in the proper operation of the alarm system. The permit holder is responsible for all fines, fees, or costs associated with the permit and operation of the alarm system.

### **REPAIR OF ALARM SYSTEM; DEACTIVATION**

Upon receipt of notification from the Alarm Detail that an alarm system has malfunctioned and has caused four (4) or more false alarms within the current permitted term, the permit holder may be subject to a period of non-response as described in Section XIV.

Upon receipt of notification from the Alarm Detail that an alarm system has malfunctioned and has caused four (4) or more false alarms within the current permitted term, the permit holder shall have such system repaired within seventy-two (72) hours, and then provide evidence that the system has been repaired; or the permit holder may cause such system to be deactivated rather than having the system repaired. In such event, the system shall not be reactivated until it has been repaired and the Alarm Detail has been provided evidence reflecting same.

### **DUTY TO PROVIDE ACCESS AND ASSISTANCE**

Upon receipt of notification from a County law enforcement official that an alarm system has been activated, any person who has been designated by the permit holder to do so, shall come to such site within one (1) hour after receiving a request from a County law enforcement official to do so, or immediately upon receipt of the request from the County law enforcement official, advise the official when the estimated time the permit holder will arrive at the alarm site in order to provide any necessary access or assistance.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION OF ALARM SYSTEMS; PROHIBITIONS**

No person shall operate, cause to be operated, or permit to be operated any alarm system unless the following requirements are met: (1) Any alarm system which may be activated as a result of different types of emergency situations shall give a unique alarm signal, if so equipped, that is to designate activation as a result of a hold-up, a burglary, or any other type of emergency situation so that the proper notification and proper response can be made; (2) Any alarm system designed to emit an audible signal to be heard from the exterior of the alarm site, located 500 feet of a public roadway, shall have a thirty (30) minute shutoff from the time of activation and must not sound similar to that of a variable tone audible device. Exception: Alarm systems installed prior to these regulations becoming effective shall have until January 1, 2011 to comply with this subsection.(3) No hold-up alarm shall include a money clip, pressure pad, or similar device which can cause activation inadvertently; and any hold-up alarm shall be designed so that it may be activated only by intentional and deliberate human action; (4) No person shall use or permit the use of any telephone device or telephone attachment which automatically selects any telephone line or number assigned to any governmental agency of Teton County, Idaho and then transmits a prerecorded message or signal; (5) The Sheriff may set reasonable standards and procedures to be followed by an alarm system business when giving notice to a law enforcement agency of activation of an alarm system. Such standards and procedures shall be set out in writing and made available to any person requesting same for a reasonable reproduction fee.

### **FEES FOR TETON COUNTY RESPONSE TO FALSE ALARM**

False alarms shall incur a service fee, calculated per calendar year, payable to the County in an amount set by resolution of the Teton County Board of Commissioners.

A service fee invoice shall be mailed to the alarm user within thirty (30) days of the false alarm. The service fee is due and owing not later than thirty (30) days after the date of mailing the invoice. The date of mailing shall appear on the invoice. Fees received after the due date shall be subject to a late fee of twentyfive dollars (\$25.00). Fees received more than sixty (60) days after the due date shall be subject to an additional twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) late fee and this shall be a continuing charge every 30 days until paid.

In addition to any other action that may be taken by the Sheriff pursuant to this Chapter, the Sheriff may discontinue responding to an alarm at any location if the Sheriff has responded to four (4) or more false alarms at the location during any calendar year. The period of non-response shall be determined by the Sheriff, but shall not exceed six months. It shall

apply to permit holders as well as persons who are unlawfully operating an alarm system without a permit or with a permit that has been suspended. The Sheriff may shorten the period of nonresponse imposed upon receipt of satisfactory evidence that the problem creating the false alarms has been corrected. In addition, the Sheriff may discontinue response in the event that any false alarm service fee or fees remain unpaid sixty (60) days after invoice, until such time as such fees are paid, plus an additional five (5) business days in order to allow sufficient time to process payments.

Any person may appeal the assessment of a false alarm service fee by filing a notice of appeal with the Sheriff within fifteen (15) days of the mailing of the service fee invoice. The notice of appeal shall state all reasons why the appealing party believes that the fee was improperly assessed and shall be accompanied by any documentary evidence that the appealing party wishes to be considered. The appeal and all documentation shall be reviewed by the Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee. The decision of the Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee shall be final. In the event that it is determined that the false alarm fee was improperly assessed, the fee shall be canceled.

#### **FALSE ALARMS; EXCEPTIONS**

No person shall intentionally or knowingly activate an alarm system for any purpose other than an emergency or threat of emergency of the kind for which the alarm system was designed to give notice; provided, however, it shall be a defense to prosecution under this subsection that the alarm system was activated solely for the purpose of testing the alarm system and the person who tested the alarm system took reasonable precautions to avoid any request for response being made to a Teton County law enforcement agency.

#### **PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS**

A person who violates any provision of these rules commits a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, may be punished by a fine and/or imprisonment and imposition of any applicable response fee(s) and costs incident to such violation.

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The complete Teton County Idaho Ordinance Title 5, Chapter 4 Teton County Burglar Alarm Ordinance is available at <http://www.tetoncountyidaho.gov/codePolicy.php>



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The following information furnished and secured pursuant to Teton County Ordinance 5-4 shall, to the extent permitted by law, be confidential and shall not be subject to public inspection. It is hereby declared that this information is critical to the safety and security of the alarm user and law enforcement personnel and that the public interest by not disclosing said information to the public clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosing said information.

**Registration Type:**     **Initial Registration - \$75**     **Renewal - \$25**     **Responsible Party(s) Update – Free**

**PERMIT APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

Alarm User Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALARM SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Primary Residential     Seasonal Residential     Commercial: (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Suite or Apartment #: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Instructions for Property Access: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALARM SECURITY PROVIDER:**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 24 Hr. Call Center #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESPONSIBLE PARTY(S) CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**\*REQUIRED - Responsible Party #1 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*REQUIRED - Responsible Party #2 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with Teton County Ordinance 5-4, this application shall be signed by the person making the application for the permit, acknowledging that he has read the county ordinance and this application, affirming the correctness and accuracy of the information given to the application, authorizing the release to the Sheriff of the information required hereunder, and, if such person making the application will not be the permit holder, certifying that he is authorized to act for the intended permit holder.

Conditions for Revocation or Suspension: (1) Any statement made in the application was incomplete, misleading or false; (2) The applicant or the intended permit holder has not paid all outstanding fines, or costs previously imposed as a consequence of any violation of these rules.(3) The alarm site was previously non-permitted while under the control of the applicant or the intended permit holder and outstanding fines, fees, or costs are still owed by the applicant or intended permit holder (4) failure of the alarm user or alarm company to provide current information of responsible parties to the Sheriff's Office.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
For Sheriff's Office use only below This Line

Received Date: \_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Type:  Cash  Check  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Outstanding Fees/Fees/Charges: \_\_\_\_\_  Paid (Date): \_\_\_\_\_ Sheriff Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Denial: \_\_\_\_\_

Sheriff's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Issuance Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

This permit shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance stated above. The permit holder shall keep this permit at the alarm site and shall produce such permit for inspection upon the request of any County law enforcement official.