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Alarm Abatement Program

Alarm Abatement / False Alarm Ordinance

In order to reduce the number of false alarms and create more time for police officers to respond to crimes and solve problems, the City of Fremont adopted the Fremont Verified Alarm Response policy. This program is designed to increase the education and accountability of alarm owners in Fremont. It provides an incentive for alarm owners to repair and maintain their alarms, train their families and/or employees on alarm procedures and seek assistance from the Fremont Police Department and local alarm companies to reduce false alarms.

What is Verified Response?

Verified response means an alarm system that utilizes a feature to verify that an alarm activation is not accidental. Verification may come in the form of sound, video, a manually activated panic button, or an eyewitness account that indicates a crime is occurring, thereby constituting a "verified" response. Alarm verification can also be accomplished when an alarm company agent, property owner or any witness is at the scene of an activation and affirms that police are needed because a crime is occurring or has occurred.

All non-verified alarms reported to the Fremont Police Department receive a lower priority response, referred to as a BOL (Be On The Lookout). If officers are in the area and available to respond, they will do so at their discretion.

Do I need an alarm permit?

All business and residences who have a "verified response type" alarm (see definition above) are required by City ordinance to obtain a permit.

How do I apply for an alarm permit?

Follow the link provided in this section. Complete the application and return the application to the address provided at the top, left corner of the application. [Alarm Permit Application](#).

How much does it cost?

The initial permit costs \$40 and is valid for two years. The permit must be renewed every two years at a cost of \$20. The revenue generated from

these permits is used to help defray the costs of equipment and personnel to administer the ordinance and, more importantly, to train alarm owners.

What do I do once I get this permit?

If your alarm is installed and you have your permit, there is no further action needed.

Disclaimer

This permit information can change at any time. Please contact Community Service Officer [Kristen Escamilla](#) at (510) 790-6755 for more information.

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