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### Alarm Permit

#### Revised Alarm Ordinance [EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012]

On June 26th, 2012, the City of Sacramento adopted a revised alarm system ordinance to help reduce false alarm response to automated burglar alarms.

#### Alarm User Permits for Residences & Businesses

If you are planning to install or currently have an alarm system in your home or business, you must have a valid alarm user permit on file with the False Alarm Reduction Unit.

The cost of an annual residential or business alarm user permit is \$30.00.

For further information, refer to [Sacramento City Code - Title 8 - Chapter 8.36](#).

To begin the application process for an alarm permit, please complete, sign and remit the [Alarm User Permit Application](#) along with a \$30.00 check **payable to the Sacramento Police Department** to:

False Alarm Reduction Unit  
 Sacramento Police Department  
 5770 Freeport Blvd., Suite 100  
 Sacramento, CA. 95822-3516

You may also call or e-mail the False Alarm Reduction Unit to have an alarm application mailed to you:

Phone Number: (916) 808-0702  
 Email Address: [spdalarms@pd.cityofsacramento.org](mailto:spdalarms@pd.cityofsacramento.org)

#### Alarm Company Permits

Alarm companies engaged in alarm business in the city must have an Alarm Company Permit on file with the False Alarm Reduction Unit. Alarm companies are also required to submit copies of their State of California Alarm Company Operator's License and City of Sacramento Business Operations Tax (BOT) certificate along with their application.

The cost of an annual alarm company permit is \$30.00.

For further information, refer to [Sacramento City Code - Title 8 - Chapter 8.36](#).

To begin the application process or for an alarm permit, print, complete, sign and remit the [Alarm Company Permit Application](#) along with a \$30.00 check **payable to the Sacramento**

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**Alarm Response**

The SPD will implement the following methods to reduce false alarms:

**Enhanced Call Verification**

All City of Sacramento residents and businesses are automatically placed on enhanced call verification.

Before an alarm company can request a public safety officer respond to an alarm signal, the alarm system monitoring company is required to make at least two separate telephone calls to determine whether the alarm signal is valid or false.

One telephone call shall be to the premises where the alarm system is located.

A second telephone call shall be made to an alternate telephone number designated by the alarm user for this purpose.

A police unit will respond only if an alarm activation is confirmed and the above criteria have been fulfilled.

**Full Alarm Verification**

The SPD will require Full Alarm Verification after three confirmed false burglar alarms, when an alarm user fails to respond within 30 days to a "Notice of No Permit on File" correspondence, or if false alarm fees are not paid within 120 days of notification. If an alarm user is placed on Full Alarm Verification an alarm company or alarm user must confirm a burglary or attempted burglary by physical observation of the premises or by remote inspection (i.e., video/audio).

Confirmation can be made by:

- The alarm user
- The alarm company
- Other person at or near the scene of activation
- A private guard responder

If placed on Full Alarm Verification, a police unit will respond only if an alarm activation is confirmed and the above criteria have been fulfilled.

**Police Response without an Alarm Permit on File**

If the alarm activation is reported and confirmed using Enhanced Call Verification and an active alarm permit is not on file, a police unit will be dispatched. Subsequently, a "No Permit on File" correspondence will be mailed to the property requiring the completion of an application and the remittance of an annual permit fee. If the application and fee are not filed within 30 days a "Notice of Delinquent Alarm Permit Application" correspondence will be sent to the property and the property will be placed on Full Alarm Verification.

**False Alarm Fee Schedule**

The following fee schedule will apply to false alarm responses by the SPD within a 12-month rolling period:

Number of False Alarms	Enhanced Call Verification			Full Verification	
	1	2	3	4-8	9 & >
False Burglar Alarm	\$ 0	\$ 60	\$ 80	\$ 100	\$ 120
False Panic/Robbery Alarm	\$ 0	\$ 120	\$ 220	\$ 320	\$ 320

Alarm users **without a valid permit** are subject to **additional fines:**

	Enhanced Call Verification		Full Verification		
Number of False Alarms	1	2	3	4-8	9 & >
No Permit On File	\$ 30 Permit Fee	\$ 80	\$ 130	\$ 180	\$ 220

## Frequently Asked Questions

To read a list of Frequently Asked Questions please click here: [FAQs](#)

## Appeals

Information on the appeal process can be located in the Frequently Asked Questions. The [Alarm Appeal Form](#) can be located here.

## Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Permit

The City of Sacramento has 959 ABC-licensed establishments (656 are on-sale and wholesale, and 303 are off-sale and special license), with more than 43 percent of all licensed businesses located in the Downtown core. Over many years, the Sacramento Police Department has developed an effective and successful relationship with the local Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) office and its investigators. Click here for a [One-Day Alcohol Beverage Permit Request](#).

To learn more about the ABC permit requirements, please see our [Alcoholic Beverage Control Page](#).

## Carry Concealed Weapon (CCW) License

California's CCW is a license to carry a concealed firearm on your person in public subject to restrictions placed upon it by statute and the issuing department. The law allows a person to keep a firearm in his or her home and/or at a place of business owned by him or her without a CCW permit.

To learn more about the concealed weapons permit requirements, please see the [Carry Concealed Weapon \(CCW\) Page](#).

## Entertainment Permit

Information on applying for an entertainment permit is available on the [City of Sacramento Code Enforcement Division](#) website. The Entertainment Permit staff can be reached at (916) 808-3535 or via e-mail at [entertainpermits@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:entertainpermits@cityofsacramento.org). The non-refundable fees are \$1,428 for a new two-year permit and \$743 for a two-year renewal. For a Special Entertainment permit, the non-fundable fee is \$702. Also, all applicants must be fingerprinted by the Sacramento Police Department. More information about the fingerprinting process, including fees, can be found on the [Fingerprinting and Live Scan Services](#) page.

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