

BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SUMMARY OF ALARM SYSTEM CONTROL ORDINANCE

The purpose of the alarm ordinance is to reduce false alarms to enable deputies to spend more time serving bona fide public safety needs.

Residential and commercial users of burglary and robbery alarm systems must obtain free of charge an Alarm Permit from their alarm company or the Benton County Sheriff Office. It is to be renewed annually by January 31, so dispatchers, deputies and responsible parties have the most current information on your alarm system in the event of an emergency.

With increasing crime rate, citizens are turning more and more to the use of alarms, which elicit deputy's response. With dependable alarm systems, deputies can respond to actual public safety problems making our efforts more cost effective.

All alarms systems in the un-incorporated area of Benton County to which deputies respond, excluding vehicle alarms, must have a permit on file at the Sheriff's Office. A user is allowed two (2) false alarms free of charge, within the valid term of the permit (calendar year). Any false alarm occurring after the first two are subject to the Benton County Alarm Fee Schedule below. The false alarm fee is payable within sixty days of notification that such charge is due and will be charged for any subsequent false alarms in that calendar year.

Please fill out the attached Alarm System User Permit. If you have any questions feel free to contact the alarms permits coordinator at 541-766-6820.

False Alarm Fee Schedule	Effective January 1, 1995	
3 rd and 4 th False alarm	\$25.00	each
5 th and 6 th False alarm	\$50.00	each
7 th and each additional false Alarms in a permit year	\$100.00	each