

NOTICE TO ALL SECURITY AND FIRE ALARM USERS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

The Township of Lower Merion Ordinance No. 3569 and Chapter 51 of the Township Code regulates security/fire alarm registrations and the imposition of fines for false security/fire alarm activations. In 2016 the Township of Lower Merion Ordinance No. 4094 was passed which amended Chapter 51 to include fire alarms and make other necessary changes. Chapter 51 now includes the following:

1. The annual security alarm registration fee was implemented in 2000 and the annual fire alarm registration fee was implemented in 2017. The fees have been established to encourage alarm users to carefully monitor their alarm and to reduce false alarm activity for police and fire personnel. The current annual alarm registration fee is \$70 for residential and \$110 for commercial users. This is the registration fee for a security alarm, a fire alarm or a combination security and fire alarm system.
2. All **registered** alarm users are allowed three false security alarm activations and three false fire alarm activations per calendar year.
3. After the third false security alarm activation, each additional occurrence will result in a fine of \$50, which will increase incrementally by \$50 (up to a \$300 maximum) for each subsequent occurrence. After the third false fire alarm activation, each additional occurrence will result in a fine of \$100, which will increase incrementally by \$100 (up to a \$300 maximum) for each subsequent occurrence.
4. **Fire Alarm Users:** Before reporting an active fire alarm to the Township, alarm monitoring companies must first try to contact the owner and/or the designated emergency contact person. In addition, contractors must disable fire alarm devices prior to commencing work. Failure to do so in either instance that causes a false fire alarm to be transmitted will result in a minimum fine of \$200.
5. Failure to register annually and pay the annual security or fire alarm registration fee to the Township in the designated timeframe will result in an unregistered status. Newly installed security or fire alarm systems must be registered before they are placed in service.
6. **Unregistered** (unpaid) security alarm or fire alarm users who have a false security or fire alarm activation will be issued a citation of \$300, plus court costs, for each false alarm activation.
7. The annual alarm registration fee is for the calendar year and cannot be refunded or transferred. The registration fee may be pro-rated by quarter for new alarms/owners.

ADDITIONAL PAYMENT LOCATIONS

You can pay your bill at the TD Bank at 401 Lancaster Avenue in Haverford. TD Bank is currently open seven days a week. For hour, check their website, www.tdbank.com or call 610-649-2188. Taxpayers must bring their complete bill. TD Bank does not accept cash.

2019 SECURITY ALARM REGISTRATION

RESIDENT PHONE: () _____ BUSINESS PHONE: () _____

ALARM COMPANY: _____ ALARM COMPANY PHONE: () _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ PHONE: () _____

TYPE OF ALARM SYSTEM:
SECURITY ALARM ONLY _____ FIRE ALARM ONLY _____ COMBINATION ALARM _____

DATE ALARM INSTALLED _____

NAME: *RESIDENTIAL FEE \$70.00*
ADDRESS: *COMMERCIAL FEE \$110.00*
CITY, STATE, ZIP: AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

*****THE REGISTRATION FEE MAY BE PRO-RATED BY QUARTER FOR NEW ALARMS/OWNERS*****

***PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT TO:
Township of Lower Merion, Security Alarm Registration, 75 E. Lancaster Ave, Ardmore PA 19003***