

C O U N C I L C H A M B E R

VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – O - 24

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILMEN FINGER, STEVENSON

**A ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW SECTION ENTITLED FALSE
ALARMS PROHIBITED.**

WHEREAS, the Safety committee has recently met and is making a recommendation to the Village Council to Enact a new section of the codified ordinances entitled False Alarms Prohibited.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, COUNTY OF ERIE AND STATE OF OHIO AS FOLLOWS:

- (a) **SECTION 1.** For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:
- (1) "Alarm system" means any assembly of equipment, mechanical or electrical, arranged to signal the occurrence of an unauthorized entry, robbery, medical and/or fire emergency, or any other activity requiring urgent attention and to which the Police Department or Fire Department is expected to respond. "Alarm system" does not include any self-contained or battery operated alarm devices such as smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
 - (2) "Alarm user" means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization which owns, occupies or has any kind of control over any building, structure or facility wherein an alarm system is maintained.
 - (3) "False alarm" means the activation of an alarm system through mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation, carelessness or negligence of the owner or lessee of an alarm system or of his employees or agents. "False alarm" does not include any activation caused by a factor not within the control of the alarm user or by force majeure.
- (b) In the event that more than three false alarms are produced by any alarm system in a twelve- month period, an administrative fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be assessed against the alarm user for the fourth false alarm. An administrative fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) shall be assessed against the alarm user for the fifth false alarm within a twelve-month period. An administrative fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) shall be assessed against the alarm user for the sixth false alarm within a twelve-month period. An administrative fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) shall be assessed against the alarm user for each successive false alarm in excess of six false alarms within a twelve-month period. The administrative fees will continue foreach successive false alarm until twelve months have elapse during which time no false alarms have been recorded. At that time the record will be cleared and the next false alarm shall be deemed to be the first false alarm of a new twelve-month period.
- (c) An alarm activated by any person or entity conducting an authorized fire or emergency drill, or who causes an alarm to be activated while under a reasonably based belief that an emergency is occurring which requires Fire Department assistance is not a false alarm.
- (d) An alarm activated by a disruption or disturbance of local telephone facilities , motor vehicle/utility pole disturbances, or weather conditions is not a false alarm.

(e) An alarm user shall not be charged with a false alarm under this chapter in the event that the alarm is activated by an unauthorized person in violation of Ohio R.C. 2917.32.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council of Kelleys Island concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of such body, and that all deliberations of the Council of the Village of Kelleys Island and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3: That this Ordinance shall be in effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

DATED THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.



MAYOR RONALD E. ERHBAR

ATTEST:



LISA M. KLONARIS, Clerk-Treasurer