

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Crow Wing County, Minnesota

DATE: May 13, 2014
OFFERED BY COMMISSIONERS: Thiede and Houge

RESOLUTION #2014-27

ADOPT NEW CROW WING COUNTY ALARM ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, in accordance with Minnesota Statute 375.51, a Public Hearing was held on May 13, 2014 to consider enacting a new Crow Wing County Alarm Ordinance, which rewrites the current Alarm Ordinance (0701).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Crow Wing County, Minnesota, adopts the attached Crow Wing County Alarm Ordinance (1401), effective May 13, 2014.

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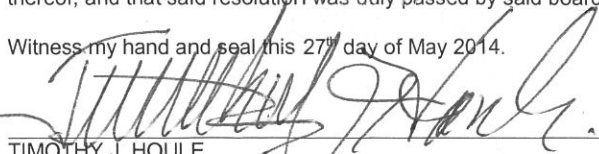
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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF CROW WING) ss

I, Timothy J. Houle, County Administrator, Crow Wing County, Minnesota, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution of the county board of said county with the original record thereof on file in the Administration Office, Crow Wing County, Minnesota, as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said board at a meeting duly held on May 13, 2014, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said resolution was duly passed by said board at said meeting.

Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of May 2014.


TIMOTHY J. HOULE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
DISTRICT #1 – KOERING	X	_____
DISTRICT #2 – THIEDE	X	_____
DISTRICT #3 – NYSTROM	_____	_____
DISTRICT #4 – FRANZEN	X	_____
DISTRICT #5 – HOUGE	X	_____

CROW WING COUNTY ALARM ORDINANCE

No. 1401

WHEREAS: This ordinance provides for the registration of alarm systems; establishes user fees and a system of administration; and ensures that the Sheriff's Office has the information needed to provide a timely/meaningful service to property owners.

THEREFORE: The Crow Wing County Board does hereby repeal Crow Wing County Ordinance #0701, adopted March 13, 2007;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Crow Wing County Board does hereby ordain and establish this Alarm Ordinance:

Section 1. Definitions

Alarm or alarm system: A single device or assembly of devices operating mechanically, electrically, or by means of a radio frequency method such as cellular or private radio signal indicating a need for a response by emergency personnel or services. Such signals emitted may be audible or may be transmitted to some receiving site for the purpose of notification of the need for an emergency response.

Section 2. Scope

This ordinance pertains to all alarm or alarm systems as defined in Section 1 with the exception of duress alarms designed for the personal safety of one individual and typically worn by that individual (aka Medical Alerts).

Section 3. Registration Requirements

Alarm systems that are installed within Crow Wing County must be initially registered with the Sheriff's Office within 30 days of installation and reregistered annually each year thereafter.

Section 4. Administration

Alarm owners are required to complete an Alarm Registration form as provided by the Sheriff's Office. Said form will be used to collect and maintain all necessary alarm information including but not limited to owner and key holder contact information. The Sheriff's Office is charged with the responsibility of maintaining said information which will be used to minimize time on scene in the case of false alarms.

Section 5. Fees

The initial administrative fee and annual alarm fee shall be established by the County Board based on recommendations from the Sheriff. Such fees will be added to the Crow Wing County Fee Schedule and reviewed annually.

Section 6. Non-Compliance

A non-compliance fee, also established by the County Board, shall be charged to the owner of the property upon failure to comply with this ordinance. This includes failure to pay administrative fees in a timely manner. In the event any fee assessed pursuant to this ordinance is not paid in full within 30 days of billing, the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office is empowered to collect all fees set forth by this ordinance by all means allowed by law for collection of debt.

Section 7. Deliberate False Alarm

It shall remain unlawful for any person to deliberately, and without just cause, activate an alarm system to summon Law Enforcement personnel in a non-emergency situation.

Section 8. Confidentiality

In the interest of public safety, all information contained in and gathered through the alarm registration applications, response records and any other alarm records shall be held in confidence by all employees and/or representatives of the County.

Section 9. Government Immunity

Alarm registration is not intended to, nor will it, create a contract, duty or obligation, either expressed or implied, of response. Any and all liability and consequential damage resulting from the failure to respond to a notification is hereby disclaimed and governmental immunity as provided by law is retained. By applying for an alarm registration, the alarm user acknowledges that all public safety response may be influenced by factors such as: availability of police units, priority of calls, weather conditions, traffic conditions, emergency condition, staffing level and prior response history.

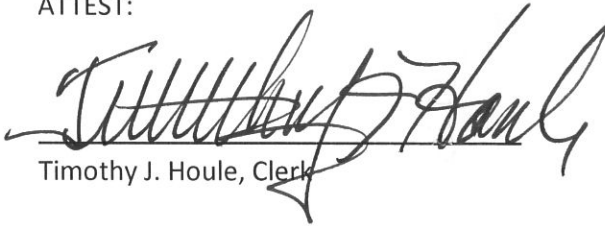
Section 10. Severability

The provision of this ordinance are severable. If a court determines that a word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subsection, section, or other provision is invalid or that the application of any part of the provision to any person or circumstance is invalid, the remaining provisions and the application of those provisions to other persons or circumstances are not affected by that decision.


This Ordinance was duly adopted on May 13, 2014 and takes effect immediately.

ATTEST:


Rosemary Franzen, Chair
CROW WING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Timothy J. Houle, Clerk

Approved as to Form and Execution:


Donald F. Ryan by *Brace F. Alderman*
County Attorney *Assistant Co. Atty.*
CROW WING COUNTY *#98x*
DATED: May 23, 2014