

City of Los Altos Alarm Ordinance

On March 26, 1984, an ordinance was enacted by the City of Los Altos, requiring all alarm users in the city to obtain a permit to operate an alarm system, which elicits a police response.

**The fee for the initial alarm permit is \$37.00, and is valid for one year.
The renewal fee is \$37.00, and is to be paid annually.**

The purpose of the Alarm Ordinance is to reduce the number of hours spent by the Police Department responding to an average of 100 false alarms per month. Our Police Officers will have more time to attend to crime-related problems and preventive patrol.

According to the Alarm Ordinance, users are allowed two (2) false alarms during the permit year without penalty. **The third and each consecutive false alarm within the permit year will be cause to impose a fee of \$215.00.** Audible alarms should have a timing device that automatically resets after eight minutes.

If we respond to your address due to an alarm, it is very important that we have current information regarding your home or business. Please complete the attached permit application and return, with payment to:

*City of Los Altos Police Department
Attn: Alarms
1 N. San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022*

Please contact me at 947-2776, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Officer Paco Vergara
Crime Prevention Unit