
OVERLAND PARK ALARM ORDINANCE SUMMARY

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We hope you find this information helpful and informative. If you wish to obtain a copy of the complete alarm ordinance or if you have any questions, please contact the Alarm Coordinator's office at 913-327-6832 or visit <https://www.crywolfservices.com/overlandparkks/>

The alarm ordinance applies to any user of an alarm system installed in a building, structure or facility within the City of Overland Park, Kansas, whether monitored or not monitored by an alarm company. An alarm user's permit application and fee payment must be on file with the Alarm Coordinator's office prior to the system's activation. The activation date is when a new system is installed or a new user begins using an existing system. Permits are not transferable by name or address. **Permits remain valid for as long as the same user operates the same alarm system at the same location.** Upon request, users must provide proof of alarm system acquisition, installation, and/or activation date. A one-time fee of \$10 will be charged for each permit. Alarm users failing to obtain a valid permit in accordance with O.P.M.C. 5.06.020 may be assessed a late fee of \$25. Any user who fails to respond to a request from the Alarm Coordinator's office for an application will be issued a **Notice to Appear in Municipal Court for violation of the O.P.M.C. 5.06.020.**

Each alarm system user with a valid permit will be allowed two false alarms per calendar year before a false alarm fee is assessed. Alarm users installing a new system or taking over an existing system will be allowed one additional chargeable false alarm with no fee due **if they have a valid permit prior to the alarm activation** and the first alarm occurs during the first 45 days of operation.

Each alarm activation resulting in police response is reviewed by type, cause, and known circumstance. The Alarm Coordinator's office will notify the permit holder in writing of each false alarm response. A non-chargeable false alarm does not count, but remains a part of the alarm history. Any alarm system which records more than the allowed number of false alarms within a period of one calendar year will be subject to the following fees:

Failure to submit an application or to pay false alarm fees is a violation of this ordinance. Violations may be prosecuted in municipal court. "Any person convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of or failing to comply with any of the mandatory requirements of this ordinance shall be guilty of a public offense and punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment not to exceed six months or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each person shall be guilty of a separate offense for each and every day during any portion of which any violation of any provision of the City ordinance is committed, continued or permitted by any such person". OPMC 5.06.090 (Penalty).

Appealing a False Alarm Notice: Any alarm user assessed a chargeable false alarm may appeal such assessment to the Chief of Police or his designee. For an appeal to be considered, it must be filed in writing by the alarm permit holder within fifteen (15) calendar days of the first false alarm notice. Any supporting information from monitoring, utility, or service companies, etc. pertaining to the appeal must be submitted in writing by the system user. **Faulty equipment, overly sensitive equipment, and user error are not valid grounds for appeal.**

Cancelling a False Alarm: The Overland Park Police Department allows the cancellation of false alarms by all alarm monitoring companies prior to police arrival. The alarm user must contact the monitoring company to have a false alarm cancelled. **Panic and Hold Up alarms will not be cancelled under any circumstances.** All audible alarm systems must be equipped to automatically discontinue the audible sound within fifteen (15) minutes of activation.

Alarm Ordinance 5.06.030 (a) In accordance with O.P.M.C.5.06.020, every alarm user or operator shall obtain an alarm permit from the Police Department Alarm Coordinator's office prior to operation or activation of an alarm system. Alarm permits are nontransferable. Each separate building, structure, business, premise or facility maintaining one or more alarm systems must obtain an alarm user's permit. Each permit shall bear the signature of the Chief of Police or his or her designee and shall be physically kept upon the premises using the alarm system and shall be available for inspection by the Chief of Police, his or her designee or **any police officer** upon request.

Pursuant to Alarm Ordinance 5.06.040(d) whenever a change occurs relating to the written information required by this ordinance, the alarm user shall give notice thereof to the Alarm Coordinator's office within 15 days