

Mid-Atlantic Local Ordinances

City/County	Anne Arundel, MD	Baltimore City, MD	Baltimore County, MD	Calvert County, MD	Charles County, MD	City of Frederick, MD
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Dispatch Numbers						
Permit Requirement	Yes, no registration or renewal fee renewal every two years	Yes, \$20 with annual renewal.	Yes, no registration or renewal fee. New for 2011-registrations don't expire and no signature on application is required (new registration forms available)	Permit is required for all user locations. There is no registration fee or yearly renewal fee for residential or commercial user locations.	\$20 annual fee for residential and non-residential alarm users. Fee is waived for senior citizens, handicapped and government locations.	Yes, there is no registration fee or renewal fee. Renewals must be completed annually during the month of December.
False Alarm Response Fees/Fines	2 Free, 3-4=\$50, 5=\$75, 6=\$100, 7=\$125, 8=\$150, 9=\$175, 10=\$200 11=\$225, 12+=\$250	2 Free, 3=\$50, 4=\$100, 5=\$150, 6=\$200, 7=\$250, 8=\$300, 9=\$400, 10=\$500, 11=\$600. Residential- 12=\$700, 13=\$800, 14+=\$1000. Non-Residential - 12+=\$2000	2 Free, 3=\$50, 4=\$50, 5=\$75, 6=\$100, 7=\$125, 8=\$150, 9=\$200, 10=\$250, 11=\$300, 12=\$350, 13=\$400, 14+=\$500	Per Calendar Year: 2 free, 3=\$25, 4=\$50, 5=\$75, 6=\$100, 7=\$125, 8=\$150, 9=\$175, 10=\$200, 11+=\$300 each	For registered alarm users: 1-3=Free, 4=\$50, 5-7=\$150, 8-10=\$200, 11+=\$300. Non-registered alarm users are subject to \$150 non-permitted penalty in addition to the false alarm fine. Based on a rolling 12-month period.	2 free. Residential fines: 3=\$25,4=\$50,5=\$75,6=\$100,7=\$125,8=\$150,9=\$175,10=\$200,11=\$225,12=\$250,13=\$275,14=\$300,15=\$325. Commercial fines: 3=\$50,4=\$100,5=\$150,6=\$200,7=\$250,8=\$300,9=\$350,10=\$400,11=\$450,12=\$500,13=\$550,14=\$600,15=\$650.
Non-Response Suspension and/or Revocation of Permit	Non-Response-No Suspension of permit-yes for failing to pay fines, additional civil penalty for unregistered & suspended site response	Failure to make timely payment of a false alarm or late fee, upon 15th false alarm in 12-month period, for false statements of material fact on application.	After 5th false alarm in a 365 day period the A.O. may seek injunctive relief including repair of system and suspension of monitoring.	Failure to make payment within 30 days of invoice or more than 10 false alarm responses within calendar year regardless of timely payments.	Not enforced	None
Cancellation Policy	Required when the alarm business determines the signal is false	Required when the alarm business determines the signal is false	Required when the alarm business determines the signal is false.	Required when the monitoring station or resident/owner determines the alarm to be false	Accepted prior to arrival of emergency personnel on scene.	Accepted prior to arrival of emergency personnel on scene and must be received by the alarm/monitoring company.
Verification Policy	Yes, make two attempts to contact representative prior to request for dispatch	Yes, prior to request for dispatch.	Yes, prior to request for dispatch.	Monitoring company is required to verify alarm prior to dispatch request.	Required before requesting emergency response except for duress/panic, hold-up or fire.	None
Alarm Business Licensing/ Registration	State license required plus local registration (no fee) renewal every two years	State license required plus local registration @ \$50 per year.	State license required plus local permit @ \$50 every 3 years.	State license required plus initial county registration @ \$50; with yearly renewals at \$25.	State license required plus local license @ \$100 per year. Also, any business that installs must provide a copy of their Restricted Master Electrician's License (Low Voltage License).	State license required.
Civil Fines	Yes, Class C,D or E Civil Offense for failing to comply with sections of this ordinance	Yes - Environmental Citation of \$250 to alarm user and \$500 to alarm business.	Yes, up to \$1,000 for unregistered alarm companies or alarm companies that fail to register alarm system users.	Civil fine not to exceed \$500 for each offense.	Alarm company fines: \$300 for false alarm for non-registered customers, false alarms caused by alarm technicians, failure to verify alarm signal and false statements.	None
Criminal Penalties	None	Unregistered user=misdemeanor subject to \$500 fine. Alarm company misdemeanor violations subject to \$1000 fines for each offense	None	None	None	None
Inspection Requirements	No	None	No	Required after 3rd false alarm in a calendar year.	Required upon 3rd false alarm.	None
Upgrade Requirements	No	None	No	Upgrade, modification and/or additional user training required after 6th false alarm in calendar year.	Required upon 6th false alarm.	None
Appeal Provisions	1st. Level to Alarm Administrator Police Dept., 2nd level to AACO Board of Appeals	Board of Municipal & Zoning Appeals, Circuit Court	1st level to Alarm Reduction Section; 2nd level to Baltimore County Board of Appeals	Appeals for fees, suspensions or alarm privilege reinstatement requests. Filed with the FARU Administrator.	1st level to Emergency Services Director; 2nd level - Alarm Review Board	Questions/concerns about fines can be directed to the False Alarm Reduction Coordinator.
Alarm User School	None	None	None	Not available at this time.	None	None
Other Provisions	All government entities are exempt from fines. Must register (no fee)			Select the following link for more information. Browse View Frame page	Alarm business performing monitoring shall not request dispatch during the first week after installation of an alarm system, use that week to train the alarm user.	All government entities are exempt from fines, however they must register with the city.
Unit Website			http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/alarmteam		www.charlescounty.org/es/faru	http://www.cityoffrederick.com/index.aspx?nid=595
Phone Payments available? If yes, phone number			no		Not available at this time.	Not at this time.
Online registration website			no			Not at this time.
Online payment website			no		Not available at this time.	Not at this time.
Charge for Weather related alarms?			Yes		www.charlescounty.org/bay	No
Weather Facts			Alarm user has the right to file an appeal and provide evidence of property damage or extended power outages		If alarm user can provide proof of property damage caused by a false alarm, it may be waived.	"Act of nature" as defined in ordinance means an unusual, extraordinary, sudden or unexpected manifestation of the forces of nature that cannot be prevented by reasonable human care, skill, or foresight.
Great Ideas/unique features						Time limit on audible alarm systems: if alarm system emits an audible signal that sounds continuously for more than one hour; alarm user is subject to a fine of \$100.

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City/County	Frederick County, MD	City of Greenbelt, MD	Harford County, MD	Howard County, MD	City of Hyattsville, MD	City of Laurel, MD	Montgomery County, MD
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Dispatch Numbers							
Permit Requirement		Yes for commercial, \$100 annually No for residential users	No permit required at the present time.	Yes, \$25 one-time fee with free biennial renewal.	Yes, \$50 with biennial renewal. Credit given on renewal fee for false alarms - 0 false alarms=\$37.50 credit, 1=\$25 credit, 2=\$12.50 credit; \$25 late fee if renewal is more than 30 days late; new registration @ \$50 if renewal over 60 days late.	Permit fee of \$50. Required for non-residential alarm users and voluntary for residential, unless required by the Chief of Police due to false alarms. Annual renewal required for non-residential, biennial for residential.	\$30 initial registration fee, with biennial \$10 renewal required. Non-renewal of registration carries \$100 fee on 1st and every subsequent false alarm until renewed. This fee is in addition to other false alarm response fees assessed.
False Alarm Response Fees/Fines		3 free, 4-6=\$50 each, 7-9=\$100 each, 10-12=\$150 each, 13-15=\$250 each, 16-18=\$500 each, 19+=\$1000 each. Plus, 6th alarm in 12 months requires \$25 fine and Recertification Form, 12th alarm in 12 months requires \$50 fine and Alarm Upgrade Form.	All false alarm fines run from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 per calendar year. Fines: 2=Free, 3=\$100, 4=\$150, 5=\$200 and all consecutive false alarms top out at \$200. At the beginning of the new year the process starts over. All newly installed alarms=60 day grace period.	2 free, 3=\$50, 4=\$100, 5=\$150, 6=\$200, 7=\$250, 8=\$300, 9=\$350, 10=\$400, 11=\$500, 12=\$600, 13=\$700, 14=\$800, 15+=\$1000	2 free, 3=\$50, 4-6=\$100 each, 7+=\$200 each	If more than 3 false alarms in a calendar year, then residential=\$50 for each of the first two and \$100 for each subsequent offense. Non-Residential: then \$100 for the first, \$150 for the second, and \$200 for each subsequent offense.	1 Free, 2 = \$25 and escalates to \$1000 each for residential at 15th and each subsequent false alarm, and \$4000 each for commercial at 20th and each subsequent false alarm.
Non-Response Suspension and/or Revocation of Permit		Failure to pay or return required forms.	Failure to pay fines on time, late fees are applied. Non response may occur, depending on circumstances and approval of Sheriff's Shift Commander.	Suspend registration for failure to make timely payment of a false alarm fine or late fee, failure to comply with inspection requirements or for false statements. No non-response policy.	4 false alarms in 12 mo period, false statement of material fact, failure to make timely payment or provide proof of required inspection, if registration is suspended or if reinstated and 2 more false alarms occur within 60 days	Suspension or revocation of permit after 6 false alarms in a calendar year.	Non-response for failure to register, failure to pay response fees, and failure to upgrade system upon 6th false alarm per calendar year. No response when alarm company is not licensed or cannot provide required information when requesting dispatch.
Cancellation Policy		None	Required and accepted prior to police arrival on the scene.	Cancellation must be from the alarm company. Accepted prior to police arrival on scene	Required	Accepted prior to arrival on scene, but not required.	Required, accepted prior to arrival on scene.
Verification Policy		None	Yes, 2 attempts made prior to calling 911 dispatch for police response.	Cancellation must be from the alarm company. Accepted prior to police arrival on scene	Required, except for duress and holdup	No	Required prior to requesting police dispatch, except for duress or hold-up.
Alarm Business Licensing/ Registration		State license required plus local renewed @ \$300 every year.	None	State license required plus local \$25 one-time fee renewable at no cost every 2 years.	State license required plus local @ \$150 for less than 5 users or \$300 for 5 or more every two years	State license required plus Master Electrician or Master Electrician's Limited license required.	State license required plus local license with \$200 annual renewal.
Civil Fines		Municipal infraction of \$250 + alarm fine to both alarm user and alarm business for dispatch request to a false alarm after placement on non-response list	Assessment fees may be applied by the County Treasurer's Office.	\$200 to alarm user and alarm company for false alarm dispatch to unregistered site.	\$250 to alarm user and alarm company for non-registered systems, \$100 for non-payment and \$200 for second offense; if on-site alarm employee causes false alarm	\$100 for first offense for using an unpermitted system; \$200 for each subsequent offense.	\$500 Class A for Alarm Company violation, \$100 Class B for Alarm User violation.
Criminal Penalties		None	None	None	None	None	None
Inspection Requirements		None	None	Every 5 false alarms	After 2 false alarms in a 1 year period	Annual inspection required, regardless of number of false alarms.	Required upon 3rd false alarm in a calendar year.
Upgrade Requirements		After 12th false alarm - certification required by both user and alarm business that system has been upgraded.	None	No	After 4 false alarms in 1 year period, user must have licensed alarm company modify system to be more false alarm resistant or provide additional user training.	No	Required upon 6th false alarm in a calendar year.
Appeal Provisions		Chief of Police with \$25 appeal fee.	Must be made through the County Administrator's Office.	1st level - Alarm Administrator, 2nd level - Circuit Court, \$20.00 appeal hearing fee, returned if appeal granted	Alarm Administrator with \$25 filing fee - fee is returned if appeal is upheld	1st level - Board of Appeals; 2nd level - Circuit Court	1st level - FARS Office w/ \$15 filing fee, 2nd level - Board of Administrative Appeals, 3rd level - Circuit Court
Alarm User School		None	None	Online education program available on HCPD website. Completion = waiver of first fine.	May be provided	No	No
Other Provisions			None		7-day training period required before requesting dispatch		No exemption of ordinance provisions for federal, state or local government entities
Unit Website				HCPD.org or www.howardcountymd.gov/falsealarm.htm			
Phone Payments available? If yes, phone number				NO			
Online registration website				NO			
Online payment website				NO			
Charge for Weather related alarms?			Yes unless cleared with weather code	Yes, but fine can be removed with evidence of property damage			Yes, but not under certain circumstances for things such as extended power outage greater than 4 hours, or winds in excess of 40 mph.
Weather Facts			Special clearance code for alarm malfunction caused by weather-assigned by deputy on scene	Addressed in ordinance with definition of false alarm including an alarm system activation that results in a dispatch request... That was activated as a the result of weather conditions, without visible evidence of severe conditions directly effecting the alarm site (e.g. tree striking building, object blown through window, etc.)			Each day, FA unit checks weather history and power outage history of area and documents any extreme conditions in a log (power company outage log & www.wunderground.com)
Great ideas/unique features				Have stickers that quote ordinance for weather related alarm invoices; "Cleaning Crew on Site When Alarm Went Off". Use FARA brochures as inserts w/warnings, fines, & renewals. Send FARA membership brochure w/alarm business renewals and new registrations.			

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City/County	Prince George's County, MD	Washington County, MD	Fairfax, VA	Loudoun County, VA	Town of Leesburg, VA	Lynchburg, VA
Contact Person	Kathy Pruitt 301 883-5465	Dwayne Flook, 240/313-2170	Debra Olson (703) 246-5429 Main Number (703) 246-5424	Administrator - 703 737-8348 Asst. Admin - 8165 Fax: 8354	Administrator - 703 737-8348 Asst. Admin - 8165 Fax: 8354	Amy Lowe 434 455-4286
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Dispatch Numbers		Burglar & fire: 301-352-1299 Medical: 301-352-1235		Burglar: 703-777-1021 Fire: 703-777-0637	Burglar: 703-771-4500 Fire: 703-777-0637	
Permit Requirement	Registration required but no fee for residential; commercial users pay \$50 with a \$50 biennial renewal fee.	Permit required with \$30 annual renewal. \$50 per response fee levied to alarm user and alarm company for false alarm response to unregistered alarm system. May be waived if system is registered within 15 days of initial violation.	Residential and Commercial \$25.00 Fee, renewed every two years; no fee.	Required residential and commercial renewed every two years; no fees.	Required residential and commercial renewed every two years; no fees.	Yearly - alarm year is May 1 - April 30 Residential \$30, Small Business \$45 & Commercial \$55
False Alarm Response Fees/Fines	3 free, 4-6=\$50 each, 7-9=\$100 each, 10-12=\$150 each, 13+=\$200 each	Residential: 1-2=warning letter, 3=\$30, 4=\$45, 5=\$60, 6-\$75, 7=\$90, 8=\$115, 9=\$130, 10=\$150. Non-Residential: 1-2=warning letter, fees begin at \$50 and increase by \$25 for each subsequent false alarm until \$300 for each false signal.	2-Free; \$100, \$150, \$200, \$250, \$300, \$350, \$500, \$600 (10-13 escalates by \$100); \$1000 (14th); \$1500 (15th-19th); \$2000 (20th-24th); \$2500 (25th and more) Registration date calendar year	Residential: 2 free, 3=\$100, 4= \$150, 5= \$200, 6= \$250, and escalates. Commercial: 2 free, 3= \$100, 4= \$200, 5= \$300, 6= \$400, 7= \$500, and escalates. Both categories per calendar year.	Residential: 2 free, 3=\$100, 4= \$150, 5= \$200, 6= \$250, and escalates. Commercial: 2 free, 3= \$100, 4= \$200, 5= \$300, 6= \$400, 7= \$500, and escalates. Both categories per calendar year.	first 30days no alarm user may be charged for a FA, after that = 2-Free, 3-5 \$50, 6-\$75, 7- \$100, 8-\$125, 9-\$150, 10 & up all \$200.00
Non-Response Suspension and/or Revocation of Permit	Revocation of permit and the alarm company is notified for: non-payment of fines, failure to have system inspected after 6th false alarm and failure to upgrade after the 12th false alarm.	Non-response for failure to register system, failure to pay fees and failure to have system inspected. No response if alarm company is not licensed.	Failure to pay fines for more that 60 days, \$25.00 restatement fee.	Failure to pay in full on fines outstanding for more than 60 days. \$30 reinstatement fee.	Failure to pay in full on fines outstanding for more than 60 days. \$30 reinstatement fee.	after 10th FA, alarm user is subject to permit revocation
Cancellation Policy	Required, accepted prior to arrival on scene.	Accepted prior to arrival on scene.	Cancellation only from alarm company; once units are on scene request to cancel is denied	Accepted from alarm company only, and does not apply once units arrive on scene.	Accepted from alarm company only, and does not apply once units arrive on scene.	yes- if alarm co calls back before emergency personnel are dispatched
Verification Policy	None	ECV required prior to requesting dispatch, except panic/holdup, duress.	Required by monitoring company prior to requesting dispatch except for duress or hold-up alarms	Required of monitoring company prior to request to dispatch except for duress or hold-up alarms	Required of monitoring company prior to request to dispatch except for duress or hold-up alarms	
Alarm Business Licensing/ Registration	State license required plus local with \$300 biennial renewal.	State license required plus local license with \$100 annual renewal.	DCJS license requirement for alarm company and individual license for installers, sales, techs, local business license if in Fairfax.	VADCJS license required of company; local registration required; no fee and renewable annually; any sales, tech, or installers required to be registered with VADCJS; local solicitors license required for all door-to-door alarm sales	VADCJS license required of company; local registration required; no fee and renewable annually; any sales, tech, or installers required to be registered with VADCJS; local solicitors license required for all door-to-door alarm sales	
Civil Fines	\$250 up to \$500 for alarm company violation.	None		\$200 fine to AB if knowingly makes a false statement concerning the inspection or the performance of an alarm system.	\$200 fine to AB if knowingly makes a false statement concerning the inspection or the performance of an alarm system.	
Criminal Penalties	None	None		None	None	violation of provision of article = class 2 misdemeanor not to exceed \$1000 / imprisonment not to exceed 6 months
Inspection Requirements	Required after the 6th false alarm in a billing cycle (cycle = 5/1 thru 4/30).	Required upon 5th and 10th false alarms in a calendar year.	May be required after 3 false alarm; \$100 fine imposed if inspection certification not submitted within 30 days	Required after 3 false alarms in a calendar year.	Required after 3 false alarms in a calendar year.	Inspection Certificate required from Alarm Co after 10th alarm
Upgrade Requirements	Required after the 12th false alarm in a billing cycle.	Any new installations or upgrade must meet current CP-01 standards and be installed in accordance with NEC, NBFAA and UL standards	Upgrade after 8th in 12 months	Upgrade/modification and/or additional user training required following 6th false alarm in a calendar year.	Upgrade/modification and/or additional user training required following 6th false alarm in a calendar year.	
Appeal Provisions	1st level - FARU office with a \$25 filing fee, 2nd level - County Board of Appeals with a \$200 filing fee.	1st level - Alarm Administrator, 2nd level - District Court if fee is not paid, municipal citation issued	Within 10 business days of false alarm notification; inspection fee or reinstatement fees, no filing fee.	For fine assessment or revocation of registration; directed to the Administrator with letter of specific details and statement, as well as a \$100 filing fee. Administrator's determination reviewed and approved by Commander, Administrative Services	For fine assessment or revocation of registration; directed to the Administrator with letter of specific details and statement, as well as a \$100 filing fee. Administrator's determination reviewed and approved by Commander, Administrative Services	with in 10days of receipt of notice may appeal to the Emergency Communications Committee
Alarm User School	No	Only as required		Likely to be provided in near future.	Likely to be provided in near future.	
Other Provisions	Exemption of ordinance for federal, state and local governments.		Registration fee and fines are waived for government entities.	Government entities are exempted from fines, although exemptions are not addressed in Ordinance	Government entities are exempted from fines, although exemptions are not addressed in Ordinance	Alarm permits that are revoked may be reinstated after steps are taken to alleviate the FA's- fee's \$50 for first, \$100 for 2nd, \$150 for 3rd & \$200 for 4th
Unit Website				http://sheriff.loudoun.gov/alarms	http://www.leesburgva.gov/police	
Phone Payments available? If yes, phone number				No-it is a goal	No-it is a goal	
Online registration website				https://crywolfweb.loudoun.gov/loudoun	https://crywolfweb.loudoun.gov/leesburg	
Online payment website				Not at this time	Not at this time	
Charge for Weather related alarms?			Yes	Yes, unless weather is severe or property damage is noted.	Yes, unless weather is severe or property damage is noted.	
Weather Facts						
Great ideas/unique features						

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City/County	Prince William Co, VA		
Contact Person	Reina Vera 703 792-7281 Brenda Powers 703 792-6687		
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Dispatch Numbers			
Permit Requirement	\$10 biennial fee		
False Alarm Response Fees/Fines	2-Free, \$50, \$100, \$150, \$200, \$250, \$300, 6+ \$500		
Non-Response Suspension and/or Revocation of Permit			
Cancellation Policy			
Verification Policy			
Alarm Business Licensing/ Registration			
Civil Fines			
Criminal Penalties			
Inspection Requirements	After 3rd in 12 month		
Upgrade Requirements	After 8 in 12 month		
Appeal Provisions			
Alarm User School			
Other Provisions	12 month calculation cycle		
Unit Website			
Phone Payments available? If yes, phone number			
Online registration website			
Online payment website			
Charge for Weather related alarms?			
Weather Facts			
Great ideas/unique features			