THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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WHEREAS, the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois (“Village”) is a duly organized and existing municipal corporation created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois and under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, as from time to time supplemented and amended; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sauk Village (the “Corporate Authorities”) may amend the text of the Municipal Code of the Village of Sauk Village from time to time to meet the changing needs of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of its citizenry to amend the text of the Municipal Code of the Village regarding the Village’s Alarm System regulations and move the Village’s Alarm System regulations to Article I (“In General”) of Chapter 30 (“Fire Protection and Prevention”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1. That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

Section 2. Article VI (“Alarm Systems”) of Chapter 22 (“Emergency Management and Services”) of the Municipal Code of the Village of Sauk Village is hereby amended by 1) moving all Sections to Article I (“In General”) of Chapter 30 (“Fire Protection and Prevention”) and renumbering the Section numbers to read as follows and 2) amending the provisions to provide as follows:

• Sec. 30-6. - Purpose.

(a) The purpose of this article is to encourage alarm users and alarm businesses to maintain the operational reliability and properly use alarm systems and to reduce or eliminate false alarm dispatch requests.

(b) This article governs systems intended to summon police response and/or fire response, provides for penalties for violations, and establishes a system of administration.
• Sec. 30-7. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

**Alarm administrator** means a person or persons designated by the village to administer, control and review alarm applications, permits and alarm dispatch requests.

**Alarm business** means the business, by an individual, partnership, corporation or other entity of selling, leasing, maintaining, servicing, repairing, altering, replacing, moving, installing or monitoring an alarm system in an alarm site.

**Alarm dispatch request** means a notification to the village by the alarm business that an alarm, either manual or automatic, has been activated at a particular alarm site.

**Alarm site** means a single premises or location served by an alarm system or systems. Each tenancy, if served by a separate alarm system in a multi-tenant building or complex, shall be considered a separate alarm site.

**Alarm system.**

(1) The term "alarm system" means a device or series of devices, including, but not limited to, systems interconnected with radio frequency signals, which are designed to discourage crime, by emitting or transmitting a remote or local audible, visual or electronic signal indicating an alarm condition.

(2) The term "alarm system" does not include:

a. An alarm installed on a vehicle unless the vehicle is permanently located at a site; or

b. An alarm designed to alert only the inhabitants of a premises that does not have a sounding device which can be heard on the exterior of the alarm site.

**Alarm user** means any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity which uses an alarm system at its alarm site.

**Conversion** means the transaction or process by which one alarm business begins monitoring of an alarm system previously monitored by another alarm business.

**Duress alarm** means a silent alarm signal generated by the manual activation of a device intended to signal a crisis situation requiring police and/or fire department response.
**False alarm dispatch** means an alarm dispatch request to the village, when the responding officer and/or fire department finds no evidence of a criminal offense, attempted criminal offense or fire after having completed a timely investigation of the alarm site. An alarm dispatch request which is canceled by the alarm business or the alarm user prior to the time the responding officer and/or fire department reaches the alarm site shall not be considered a false alarm dispatch.

**False alarm user awareness class** means a class operated by the governing entity for the purpose of educating alarm users about the problems created by false alarm dispatches and in the responsible use of their alarm system.

**Holdup alarm** means a silent alarm signal generated by the manual activation of a device intended to signal a robbery in progress.

**Keypad** means a device that allows control of an alarm system by the manual entering of a coded sequence of numbers or letters.

**Monitoring** means the process by which an alarm business receives signals from alarm systems and relays an alarm dispatch request to the city Village for the purpose of summoning police and/or fire department response to the alarm site.

**One-plus duress alarm** means the manual activation of a silent alarm signal by entering at a keypad a code that adds one to the last digit of the normal arm/disarm code:

1. Normal code equals 1234;

2. One-plus duress code equals 1235.

**Person** means an individual, corporation, partnership, association, organization or similar entity.

**Takeover** means the transaction or process by which an alarm user takes over control of an existing alarm system which was previously controlled by another alarm user.

**Verify** means an attempt by the alarm business, or its representative, to contact the alarm site by telephonic or other electronic means, whether or not actual contact with a person is made, before requesting a police or fire dispatch, in an attempt to avoid an unnecessary alarm dispatch request.

**Sec. 30-8. - Alarm systems in apartment complexes; contracted for by individual tenant.**

(a) If an alarm system installed by an individual tenant in an apartment complex unit is monitored, the tenant must provide the name of a representative of the apartment
owner or property manager, who can grant access to the apartment to the alarm business which is providing the monitoring service.

(b) For purposes of enforcing this article against an individual residential unit, the tenant is responsible for false alarm dispatches emitted from the alarm system in the tenant's residential unit.

- **Sec. 30-9. - Alarm systems in apartment complexes; furnished by the apartment complex as an amenity.**

  If the owner or property manager of an apartment complex provides alarm systems in each residential unit as an amenity, then the owner or property manager of the apartment complex is responsible for payment of fines for false alarm dispatches emitted from the alarm systems in the residential units.

- **Sec. 30-10. - Proper alarm systems operation and maintenance.**

  (a) An alarm user shall:

  (1) Maintain the premises and the alarm system in a manner that will minimize or eliminate false alarm dispatches;

  (2) Make every reasonable effort to respond or cause a representative to respond to the alarm system's location within one hour when notified by the Village to deactivate a malfunctioning alarm system, to provide access to the premises or to provide security for the premises; and

  (3) Not manually activate an alarm for any reason other than an occurrence of an event that the alarm system was intended to report.

  (b) An alarm user shall adjust the mechanism or cause the mechanism to be adjusted so that an alarm signal audible on the exterior of an alarm site will sound for no longer than ten minutes after being activated or 15 minutes for systems operating under Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. standards No. 365 or 609.

  (c) An alarm user shall have a properly licensed alarm business inspect his alarm system after two (2) false alarm dispatches in a one-year period. After six false alarm dispatches, the alarm user must have a properly licensed alarm business modify the alarm system to be more false alarm resistant or provide additional user training as appropriate.

- **Sec. 30-11. - Alarm system operating instructions.**
An alarm user shall maintain at each alarm site a set of written operating instructions for each alarm system.

- **Sec. 30-12. - Alarm dispatch request records.**

  (a) The telecommunicator dispatching an officer to an alarm dispatch request shall record such information as necessary to permit the alarm administrator to maintain records, including, but not limited to, the following information:

  1. Identification of the alarm site;
  2. Arrival time at the alarm site and dispatch received time;
  3. Date and time;
  4. Possible weather-related conditions;
  5. Area and/or subarea of premises involved;
  6. Name of alarm user's representative on premises, if any; and/or
  7. Identification of the responsible alarm business.

  (b) The responding police officer and/or fire department shall indicate on the dispatch record whether the dispatch was caused by a criminal offense, an attempted criminal offense, or was a false alarm dispatch.

  (c) In the case of an assumed false alarm dispatch, the responding police officer and/or fire department shall leave notice at the alarm site that the police department and/or fire department has responded to a false alarm dispatch. The notice shall include the following information:

  1. The date and time of police and/or fire department response to the false alarm dispatch;
  2. The identification number of the responding police officer and/or fire personnel; and
  3. A statement urging the alarm user to ensure that the alarm system is properly operated, inspected and serviced in order to avoid fines.

- **Sec. 30-13. - Fines.**

  (a) An alarm user for residential, business and apartment complex shall be subject to warnings and fines depending on the number of false alarm dispatches emitted from an
alarm system within a 12-month period beginning January 1 of each calendar year based upon the following schedule:

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(b) Alarm dispatch requests caused by actual criminal offense or with evidence of a criminal attempt shall not be counted as a false alarm dispatch.

Section 3. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

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ADOPTED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois this 13th day of November 2018, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

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APPROVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois on this 13th day of November 2018.

/s/Derrick Burgess, Village President

ATTEST

/s/Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Village Clerk
I, Marva Campbell-Pruitt, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and elected Clerk of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois, and that as such Clerk I do have charge of and custody of the books and records of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois.

I do hereby further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 18-018, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VI (ALARM SYSTEMS) OF CHAPTER 22 (EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE,” adopted and approved by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sauk Village, Illinois on November 13, 2018.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my hand and the Corporate Seal of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois this 14th day of November 2018.

/s/Marva Campbell-Pruitt,
Village Clerk Village of Sauk Village