

take certain actions upon finding a particular pattern of false alarms; requiring the adoption of certain procedures under certain circumstances; requiring the dedication of certain funds to the Response and Communications System of Charles County under certain circumstances; and generally relating to public safety and false alarms in Charles County.

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Charles County

Section 45-1 to be under the new chapter "Chapter 45 False Alarms"

Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1994 Edition and November 1995 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 9 - Charles County

CHAPTER 45

FALSE ALARMS

45-1.

A. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ESTABLISH BY ORDINANCE A PROHIBITION AGAINST ANY PERSON MAKING REPEATED FALSE ALARMS OR ENGAGING IN ANY OTHER PATTERN OF UNNECESSARY OR ABUSIVE USE OF EMERGENCY AND PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES IN THE COUNTY.

B. AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL:

(1) PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF ALARM SYSTEMS CONTRACTORS;

(2) ESTABLISH A LICENSE FEE;

(3) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION, ALLOW THE COUNTY TO REVOKE OR SUSPEND A LICENSE OF AN ALARM SYSTEMS CONTRACTOR FOR GROUNDS SPECIFIED IN THE ORDINANCE;

(+) (4) ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE OF FINES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED FOR EACH OFFENSE OR SERIES OF OFFENSES ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UNDER THIS SECTION;

(-) (5) DESIGNATE THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY AGENCY TO ENFORCE AND ADMINISTER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCE AND THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF FINES;

(6) AUTHORIZE THE DESIGNATED COUNTY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO MAINTAIN RECORDS OF ALARM SYSTEMS CONTRACTORS, MONITOR SERVICE ENTITIES, AND MANUFACTURERS OF SECURITY SYSTEMS;