

(IV) AN ALARM SYSTEM THAT IS ACTIVATED A SECOND TIME WITHIN A 12-HOUR PERIOD WHEN THE PREMISES ARE UNOCCUPIED SHALL BE DEEMED A FALSE ALARM IF:

1. ACCESS TO THE BUILDING IS PROVIDED TO THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR; AND

2. AN ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR OR AN EMPLOYEE OF AN ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR RESPONDS.

(V) IF ACCESS TO THE BUILDING IS NOT PROVIDED TO THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR, AND THE CONTRACTOR DOES NOT RESPOND TO AN ALARM SYSTEM THAT IS ACTIVATED A SECOND TIME WITHIN A 12-HOUR PERIOD WHEN THE PREMISES ARE UNOCCUPIED, EACH SUBSEQUENT ALARM SHALL BE COUNTED AS A FALSE ALARM.

(B) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALVERT COUNTY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR:

(1) REGISTERING ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTORS OPERATING IN THE COUNTY;

(2) REGISTERING ALARM USERS IN THE COUNTY;

(3) PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER AS AN ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR OR ALARM USER;

(4) PROVIDING CIVIL CITATIONS AND PENALTIES FOR FALSE ALARMS, NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS IN ARTICLE 27, § 156C OF THE CODE;

(5) PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS FROM THE ISSUANCE OF CIVIL CITATIONS AND PENALTIES FOR FALSE ALARMS;

(6) AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATED COUNTY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO MAINTAIN A RECORD OF THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR, MONITORING SERVICE, AND MANUFACTURER OF EACH SECURITY SYSTEM IN OPERATION IN THE COUNTY; AND

(7) AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATED COUNTY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, IF IT FINDS A PATTERN OF FALSE ALARMS ATTRIBUTED TO A PARTICULAR MANUFACTURER'S MODEL OR TO INSTALLATION BY A PARTICULAR ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR, TO INFORM:

(I) THE MANUFACTURER OF THE MODEL OR THE ALARM SYSTEM CONTRACTOR THAT INSTALLED THE ALARM SYSTEM; AND

(II) THE APPROPRIATE STATE OR NATIONAL LICENSING AGENCY OR THE CERTIFICATION STANDARDS ENTITY.