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Sec. 21-32. Alarm systems; definitions.

- (a) *Act of God* - an unusual, extraordinary, sudden and unexpected manifestation of the forces of nature, which cannot be prevented by reasonable care, skill or foresight.
- (b) *Alarm or Alarm System* - any instrument(s), device(s) or system(s) which are used for the purpose of protecting buildings, premises or person from criminal acts or unauthorized entries by warning persons of a crime or unauthorized entry through the emission or transmission of a sound or signal.
- (c) *Alarm Agent* - shall mean any person who is employed directly or indirectly by an alarm business, whose duties include any of the following: maintaining, servicing, repairing any alarm or alarm system. Any person whose duties consist solely of resetting an alarm following activation shall not be deemed an alarm agent.
- (d) *Alarm Business* - any person, firm, partnership, corporation or business which owns or conducts the business of any one or more of the following: selling, leasing, renting, maintaining or monitoring alarm systems, devices or services.
- (e) *Audible Alarm* - a device designed for the detection of an unauthorized entry and which when activated generates an audible sound on the premises.
- (f) *Automatic Dialer* - any electrical, electronic, mechanical or other device capable of being programmed to send a prerecorded voice message when activated, or self-activated, over a telephone line, or other communication system to the police or Fire-Medical Department.
- (g) *Common Cause* - a malfunction which causes an alarm system to generate a series of false alarms. The series of false alarms shall be counted as one false alarm if the false alarms have all occurred within a 24 hour period, and the responsible alarm business has documented to the Police Chief the action taken to rectify the cause, and a thirty (30) day period expires with the alarm system generating no additional false alarms from the documented cause.
- (h) *False Alarm* - any activation of an alarm not caused by or as a result of a criminal act or unauthorized entry, except for activation for testing purposes when the police department has been given advance notice, or activation caused by the police department.
- (i) *Monitored Alarm* - a device designed for the detection of unauthorized entry and which when activated generates an inaudible signal to a monitoring station. A monitoring alarm may also generate an audible sound on the premises.

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(j) *Proprietor alarm* - any alarm or alarm system which is not leased or rented from, or owned or maintained under contract by an alarm business.

(k) *Robbery, holdup or panic alarm* - a device designed for the detection of a robbery, holdup or the commission of an unlawful act, and which when intentionally activated by a person, generates an inaudible signal to the monitoring station and may or may not generate an audible sound on the premises.

(l) *Subscriber* - any person, firm, partnership, corporation or business who (which) leases, rents or purchases any audible or monitored alarm system, device or service from an alarm business.

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