

BILL NO. 41

ORDINANCE NO. 40

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF TELEPHONIC FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS WHICH ARE PROGRAMMED INTO THE NORTH CENTRAL COUNTY FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AND THE NORMANDY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the increasing number of telephonic alarm systems creates a hazard to the general public in that a malfunction could tie up the District's emergency lines and prohibit the transmission of other vital emergency calls; and

WHEREAS, these alarm systems could in the alternative be tied into a private number when an individual would then transmit the message to the North Central County Fire Alarm System of which the Normandy Fire Protection District is a member, or any System which the District may become a member; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a Fire District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF NORMANDY, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Telephonic Alarm System-Prohibition-Penalty: On and after sixty days from the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to install, operate or maintain a telephonic alarm system which automatically transmits a signal, message or warning to the Normandy Fire Protection District via the North Central County Fire Alarm System.

SECTION 2: Notice: It shall be the responsibility of any person, firm or corporation which has installed or sold existing alarms to give to the buyer or subscriber of said alarm a written notice of the provisions of this section.

SECTION 3: Definition: For the purpose of this section, "telephonic alarm system" shall mean any mechanism, equipment or device which is designed to operate automatically through the use of public telephone facilities to transmit a signal, message or warning to another location.

SECTION 4: Penalty: Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00 and imprisoned not more than 30 days or both.

SECTION 5: Emergency Nature of Ordinance: This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to the Board of Directors, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage by the Board of Director's; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORMANDY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT THIS 10th DAY OF Oct, 1973.

Emmett L. Gorman
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Normandy Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

John P. Claus
Secretary