

Town of Greenville

PUBLIC HEARING

RE: LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2024: ALARM DEVICES AND SYSTEMS

November 7th, 2024 6:30pm

A Public Hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Greenville on November 7th, 2024 at 6:30 pm at Pioneer Hall regarding the adoption of Local Law #3 of 2024: Alarm Devices and Systems Law.

This Public Hearing was advertised in the Town's official newspaper, The Catskill Daily Mail on, October 25th, 2024.

Present: Supervisor John Bensen
Councilman William VonAtzingen
Councilman Paul Macko
Councilman Richard Bear

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jessica K. Lewis

Department Heads Present: CEO Mark Overbaugh

Other: 4 guests

Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to open the public hearing on the proposed Alarms Devices and Systems Law at 6:32pm.

An example form for violations was presented by Greenville Fire District (see attached).

Adjustments to be made to the draft law presented to this Public Hearing:

- First three violations to be waived (was not corrected in this draft as requested from Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea)
- The definition of a nuisance alarm be added as follows: The activation of an alarm system which results in a response by fire, police, or ambulance personnel to any place within the Town of Greenville where no fire, police, ambulance, or rescue services are required, as determined by such personnel, including, but not limited to, activation of an alarm system arising from improper use or operation of the alarm system, defective installation of an alarm system, the failure to repair or maintain an alarm system, or the use of defective equipment in connection with an alarm system. Nuisance alarms shall also include alarms in dwelling units and on premises that are triggered as a result of cooking smoke, steam, dust or vapor. A nuisance alarm shall not include:
 - A.** The activation of an alarm system which results from hurricane, gale, tornado or other violent weather condition, or any major disruption of public utility transmission;
 - B.** The activation of an alarm system where the activator reasonably believes that an emergency situation exists; or
 - C.** An activation of a medical alert system.
- In definitions specify commercial vs residential alarms: violations 5/calendar year commercial, 10/calendar year residential.
- Registration requirement to be requested by and fulfilled by Greenville Fire District.

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- Civil Fee section to be rewritten to include appearance ticket as code violation (instead of re-levy). Fees to be adjusted to read anything over allotted amount of violations to be \$100/each violation for residential, \$200/each violation for commercial.
- Penalties to be adjusted to reflect residential maximum as \$1000, commercial maximum as \$2000.

The updated draft will be distributed to Town Board, CEO, Fire Departments then presented at December Town Board Meeting, at which time another hearing will be scheduled.

Councilman VonAtzingen motioned, seconded by Councilman Macko to close this Public Hearing at 7:14pm.

Jessica K. Lewis, Town Clerk-Collector

_____ Supervisor Bensen

_____ Councilman Macko

_____ Councilman VonAtzingen

_____ Councilman Bear