

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

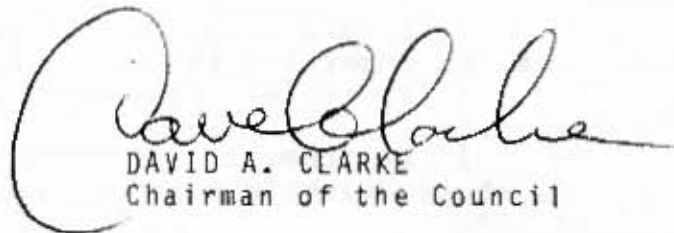
NOTICE

D.C. LAW 7-99

"Fire Alarm Systems Regulations Amendment Act
of 1987".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 7-91 on first and second readings, January 5, 1988, and January 19, 1988, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on February 9, 1988, this legislation was assigned Act 7-143, published in the February 19, 1988, edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 35 page 1051) and transmitted to Congress on February 16, 1988 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602(c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 7-99, effective March 29, 1988.


DAVID A. CLARKE
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

February 16,17,18,19,22,23,24,25,26,29

March 1,2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,14,15,16,17,18,21,22,23,24,25,
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EFFECTIVE DATE MAR 29 1988

AN ACT
D.C. ACT 7 - 148

CODIFICATION,
D.C. Code,
1988 Supplement

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FEB 09 1988

To amend the Security Alarm Systems Regulations Act of 1980 to include fire alarms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Fire Alarm Systems Regulations Amendment Act of 1987".

Sec. 2. The Security Alarm Systems Regulations Act of 1980, effective September 26, 1980 (D.C. Law 3-107; D.C. Code, sec. 6-3101 et seq.), is amended as follows:

(a) The long title is amended by inserting after the word "security" the phrase "and fire".

(b) Section 1 is amended by inserting after the word "Security" the phrase "And Fire".

(c) Section 2 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-3101) is amended by inserting after the word "security" wherever it appears the phrase "or fire".

Sec. 6-3101

(d) Section 3 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-3102) is amended as follows:

Sec. 6-3102

(1) By striking the phrase "a security" wherever it appears and inserting the word "an" in its place;

(2) By striking the word "security" wherever it appears;

(3) By inserting in paragraph 2 the phrase "or the District of Columbia Fire Department" after the word "Department";

(4) By adding a new paragraph (4a) to read as follows:

"(4a) "Fire Chief" means the Chief of the District of Columbia Fire Department";

(5) By amending paragraph (6) to read as follows:

"(6) "False alarm" means any alarm signal communicated to the Metropolitan Police Department or the District of Columbia Fire Department that is not in response to an actual or threatened fire, an actual or attempted burglary, a holdup, an assault, or an unlawful entry

requiring an immediate police or fire department response. The term "false alarm" shall include a negligently or accidentally activated signal; a signal that is the result of faulty, malfunctioning, or improperly installed or maintained equipment; and a signal that is purposely activated to summon the Metropolitan Police Department or the District of Columbia Fire Department in non-emergency situations. The term "false alarm" shall not include a signal willfully activated by an alarm user upon a good faith belief that an actual or threatened fire, an actual or attempted burglary, a holdup, an assault, or an unlawful entry is about to occur or a signal activated by unusually severe weather conditions or other causes, that is identified and determined by the Mayor to be beyond the control of the user or of the alarm dealer.";

(6) By adding a new paragraph (8a) to read as follows:

"(8a) "Fire Department" means the District of Columbia Fire Department.";

(7) By amending paragraph (12) as follows:

(a) By inserting after the word "Police" the phrase "Department or District of Columbia Fire"; and

(b) By striking the phrase "Security alarm" wherever it appears and inserting the word "Alarm" in its place;

(8) By amending paragraph (13) to read as follows:

"(13) "Alarm system" means any device or system that transmits a signal visibly, audibly, electronically, mechanically, or by combination of these methods to indicate an actual or threatened fire, an actual or attempted burglary, a holdup, an assault, or an unlawful entry at a premises, requiring an immediate response to the scene by the Metropolitan Police Department or the District of Columbia Fire Department. The term "alarm system" shall include a service activated automatically, such as a burglary or fire alarm, and a device activated manually, such as a holdup alarm, but shall not include telephonic lines maintained and operated by public utilities under the regulation of the Public Service Commission over which the signal might be transmitted.".

(e) Section 4 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-3103) is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-3103

"Sec. 4. Prohibition of prerecorded transmittals.

"Except for signaling devices jointly approved by the District of Columbia Fire Department and the Office on Aging under the Life Safety System, no person shall transmit or cause to be transmitted a prerecorded message to report any fire, burglary, holdup, or other emergency directly to the Metropolitan Police Department or the District of Columbia Fire Department by means of any telephone device, telephone

attachment, alarm system, or other device. Any person violating this section shall be subject to a fine of up to \$100 for each offense."

(f) Section 5 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-3104) is amended as follows:

Sec. 6-3104

(1) By striking in subsections (a) and (b) the phrase "a security" wherever it appears and inserting the word "an" in its place;

(2) By striking the word "security" wherever it appears; and

(3) By striking in subsection (e) the phrase "A security" and inserting the word "An" in its place.

(g) Section 6 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-3105) is amended as follows:

Sec. 6-3105

(1) By striking the phrase "a security" wherever it appears and inserting the word "an" in its place;

(2) By striking the word "security" wherever it appears; and

(3) By striking in subsection (f) the phrase "Security alarm" and inserting the word "Alarm" in its place.

(h) Section 7 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-3106) is amended as follows:

Sec. 6-3106

(1) By striking the word "security" wherever it appears;

(2) By striking the phrase "Security alarm" wherever it appears and inserting the word "Alarm" in its place; and

(3) By inserting after the word "Department" in subsection (c) the phrase "or District of Columbia Fire Department".

(i) Section 8 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-3107) is amended as follows:

Sec. 6-3107

(1) By striking the word "security" wherever it appears;

(2) By amending subsection (b) by inserting after the word "police" the phrase "or fire department";

(3) By amending subsection (d) as follows:

(A) By striking the phrase "a security" and inserting the word "an" in its place;

(B) By inserting after the phrase "assisting the police" the phrase "or fire department"; and

(C) By inserting after the word "Department" the phrase "or District of Columbia Fire Department".

(j) Section 9 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-3108) is amended as follows:

Sec. 6-3108

(1) By amending the title by inserting after the word "security" the phrase "and fire";

(2) By inserting after the word "Department" the phrase "or District of Columbia Fire Department"; and

(3) By striking the phrase "a security" wherever it appears and inserting the word "an" in its place.

(k) Section 10 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-3109) is amended as follows:

Sec. 6-3109

(1) By striking the word "security" wherever it appears;

(2) By striking the phrase "a security" wherever it appears and inserting the word "an" in its place;

(3) By inserting after the word "police" the phrase "or fire department"; and

(4) By inserting after the word "Department" the phrase "or District of Columbia Fire Department".

(l) Section 11 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-3110) is amended by striking the word "security".

Sec. 6-3110

(m) Section 12 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-3111) is amended by striking the phrase "ten dollars (\$10) nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25)" and inserting the phrase "\$40 nor more than \$100" in its place.

Sec. 6-3111


(n) Section 13(d) (D.C. Code, sec. 6-3112(d)) is amended by striking the phrase "a security" wherever it appears and inserting the word "an" in its place.

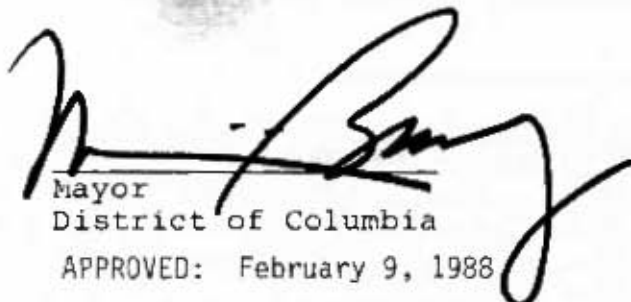
Sec. 6-3112

(o) Section 16 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-3115) is amended by inserting after the word "Department" the phrase "and District of Columbia Fire Department".

Sec. 6-3115

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect after a 30-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto) as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code, sec. 1-223(c)(1)).


Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia


Mayor
District of Columbia
APPROVED: February 9, 1988



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Council Period Seven

RECORD OF OFFICIAL COUNCIL VOTE

DOCKET NO: B7-91

Item on Consent Calendar

ACTION & DATE: Adopted First Reading, 1-5-88

VOICE VOTE: Approved

Recorded vote on request

Absent: all present

ROLL CALL VOTE: — RESULT (1 1 1 1)

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
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CRAWFORD					RAY					WILSON				
JARVIS					ROLARK					WINTER				
KANE					SCHWARTZ									
MASON					SMITH, JR.									

X — Indicates Vote A.B. — Absent N.V. — Present, not voting

CERTIFICATION RECORD

Rosemary J. ...
Secretary to the Council

1/25/88
Date

Item on Consent Calendar

ACTION & DATE: Adopted Final Reading, 1-19-88

VOICE VOTE: Approved

Recorded vote on request

Absent: Jarvis

ROLL CALL VOTE: — RESULT (1 1 1 1)

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
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Rosemary J. ...
Secretary to the Council

1/25/88
Date

Item on Consent Calendar

ACTION & DATE: _____

VOICE VOTE: _____

Recorded vote on request

Absent: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE: — RESULT (1 1 1 1)

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
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Secretary to the Council

Date