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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

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An Ordinance Relating to Alarm Systems, Prohibiting Certain Interconnections and Automatic Dialing Practices, Providing for Administration of the Ordinance and all Matters Pertaining thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 35

The Board of Commissioners for Tillamook County, Oregon ordains as follows:

Section 1. Title, Purpose and Scope.

1. This Ordinance shall be known as the "9-1-1 Alarm System Control Ordinance of Tillamook County" and may be so pleaded and shall be referred to herein as "this ordinance."

2. The Board of County Commissioners finds and declares as follows:

a) The occupants of numerous residential, commercial and industrial establishments in Tillamook County have found it desirable to make provision for the installation upon their premises, at their own cost and expense, of alarm systems for such emergencies as fire, medical, burglary and robbery.

b) There is a growing number of private enterprises that have embarked upon the business of selling or leasing such alarm systems, entering into contract with such occupants for the installation, operation and maintenance of such alarm systems, and providing, either individually or in

concert with other private business enterprises similarly engaged, for the connection or termination of the individual alarm systems so installed by them to alarm termination devices or phones in various public safety buildings and agencies in Tillamook County, Oregon.

c) The public interest, therefore, requires the enactment of rules, regulations, standards, and procedures to regulate and control the private alarm business in Tillamook County for the following purposes:

(1) The municipal departments and agencies charged with the protection of public safety may efficiently and economically coordinate their functions with the various alarm services to which the public of Tillamook County may subscribe;

(2) The quality of the alarm services rendered to the public may be improved and maintained at a high level;

(3) This ordinance shall be construed so as to effectuate the purposes as set forth in subsection (c) of this section.

Section 2. Definitions.

1. "Alarm Equipment Installer" means any person, firm, or corporation, including employees, agents, and independent contractors, who install, maintain, repair, alter, replace, or service any alarm equipment.

2. "Alarm Equipment Supplier" means any person, firm, or corporation, including employees, agents, and independent contractors who supply, sell, lease, or rent any alarm equipment.

3. "Alarm Monitoring Service" means any person, firm, or corporation, including employees, agents, and independent contractors in the business of operating a service whereby persons receive messages from automatic signaling devices, report emergencies at stated locations, and relay such emergency messages to a communication center, including, but not limited to, the 9-1-1 Communications Center.

4. "Alarm System" means a device or system of interconnected devices, including hardware and related accessories, designed to give warning of a fire, burglary, robbery, medical emergency, or other hazardous condition occurring on the protected premises.

5. "Alarm User" means a person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, governmental unit, or organization of any kind in control or ownership of any building, structure, or facility where an alarm system is maintained and in operation.

6. "Automatic Signaling Device" means an electrically or mechanically operated instrument that automatically signals or sends by any means, including, but not limited to, direct or indirect connection to regular telephone lines, a unique coded message from protected premises to a separate location upon receipt of a stimulus from a sensory detection apparatus. These devices include any device that activates any audible alarm or

light signaling device attached to the interior or exterior of protected premises. This definition includes devices utilized to verify or confirm a signal generated by the protected premises.

7. "Communications Center" means the facility where a public safety agency or agencies participate in dispatch or call transfer services, including receiving emergency transmissions and general information from the public to be dispatched to the respective entities utilizing the center.

8. "Direct Line" means a special telephone line, unavailable for use by the public at large, leading directly to Tillamook County 9-1-1 Communications Center or subcenter from a single, specific location and designed to be used only to report emergency messages and signals on a person-to-person basis.

9. "Key" means to utilize a telephone line for transmitting a message.

10. "Regular Phone Line" means a general telephone line leading to the Tillamook County 9-1-1 Communications Center, or alarm monitoring service available for use by the public at large.

11. "Sensory Detection Device" means a mechanical or electrical device that is part of any automatic signaling device which is designed for detection of any physical force or condition inherently characteristic of fire, unauthorized intrusion into or upon protected premises, or other emergency or hazardous condition, which results in the dispatch of emergency personnel to the protected premises.

12. "Emergency Service Provider" means any city fire department, rural fire department, ambulance service, city police department, County Sheriff's office or State Police.

Section 3. Automatic Signaling Devices - Restrictions on Keying.

1. Keying of automatic signaling devices in any manner so as to send a prerecorded message directly over emergency telephone (9-1-1) lines by any Alarm User, Alarm System Installer, Alarm Equipment Supplier, or Alarm Monitoring Service to the Tillamook County 9-1-1 Communications Center is hereby prohibited.

2. It shall be unlawful for an alarm user to fail to disconnect or reprogram an automatic signaling device which is programmed to select a Direct (9-1-1) Line within twelve (12) hours of receipt of written notice from the Tillamook County 9-1-1 Communications Center.

3. It shall be the responsibility of the Alarm User to provide their jurisdiction's Emergency Service Providers with:

- a. Address of the premises protected by the Alarm System.
- b. Contact persons and their phone numbers for emergency notification.
- c. A diagram indicating the specific locations on the premises and types (Burglary in Progress, Robbery in Progress, Fire Emergency <smoke alarm, waterflow alarm, pull station>, Medical Emergency) of the Automatic Signaling Devices.

Section 4. Authority of the Board of County Commissioners to Contract with Other Governmental Entities.

The Board of County Commissioners of Tillamook County, Oregon is hereby authorized to contract for alarm system services with any political subdivision of the State of Oregon, municipality or other governmental entity, body or agency in a cooperative effort to enforce this or similar ordinances or portions thereof in other jurisdictions.

Section 5. Separability Clause.

If any title, section, subsection, phrase, clause, sentence or word of this ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Interpretation.

This ordinance shall be liberally construed to effect the purpose of this ordinance and to achieve uniform interpretation and application of the respective ordinances.

Section 7. Administration, Enforcement and Penalties.

1. The Tillamook County 9-1-1 Communications Center Director under the supervision of the Board of County Commissioners shall be responsible for administration of this ordinance.

2. The Sheriff under the supervision of the Board of County Commissioners shall be responsible for enforcement of this ordinance.


3. Any violation of this ordinance shall be punishable as set forth in Tillamook County Planning and Zoning Ordinance #35 or ORS 203.065.

4. The provisions of this section are in addition to and not in lieu of other procedures and remedies provided by this ordinance and state law.

DATE OF FIRST READING: January 8, 1985

DATE OF SECOND READING AND APPROVAL: February 19, 1986

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON



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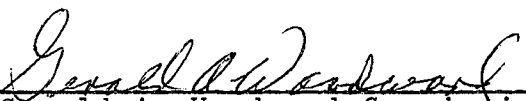
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