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An ordinance relating to the provision and disclosure of private first responder services by alarm businesses providing burglary alarm monitoring services.

105-75-2-b am

105-75-3-b-8 am

105-75-7-a am

This ordinance clarifies existing code provisions that only those alarm businesses which provide to alarm users alarm monitoring services for the receiving of burglary alarm messages are required to provide to alarm users and list on new and renewal private alarm business license applications a private first responder service that verifies, in the case of an activated burglary alarm, that an attempted or actual crime has occurred at the alarm site before the alarm signal is transmitted to the police department. In addition, this ordinance establishes that persons who install, monitor, service or alter existing alarm systems are not excepted from the definition of "alarm business," and, subsequently, are not exempted from private alarm business licensing requirements. The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Milwaukee do ordain as follows:

Part 1. Section 105-75-2-b of the code is amended to read:

105-75. Private Alarm Systems and Regulations.

2. DEFINITIONS.

b. "Alarm business" means any person engaged in selling, leasing, renting, installing, monitoring, servicing, altering, moving or causing any alarm system to be sold, leased, rented, installed, monitored, serviced or altered in or on any building, place of business, structure, residence or other facility. Included in this definition are holders in due course of alarm system contracts. Excluded from this definition are sellers of alarm systems from a fixed location who do not visit the site where the alarm system is to be installed ~~[[, or design]]~~ >> and any person engaged solely in the business of designing << the system for the location ~~[[, or install, monitor, service or alter any existing alarm system]]~~. Also excluded from this definition is any person engaged solely in the business of confirming that attempted or actual crimes have occurred at the locations of activated burglary alarms.

Part 2. Section 105-75-3-b-8 of the code is amended to read:

3. LICENSE REQUIRED.

b-8. A list of services offered by the alarm business ~~[[, which]]~~ >> . In the event the alarm business

provides to alarm users alarm monitoring services for the receiving of burglary alarm messages, the list of services<< shall include, but not be limited to, providing a private first responder service that verifies, in the case of an activated burglary alarm, that an attempted or actual crime has occurred at the alarm site before the alarm signal is transmitted to the police department.

Part 3. Section 105-75-7-a of the code is amended to read:

7. RENEWALS AND NON-RENEWAL.

a. Procedure for Renewal. Applications for renewal shall be made to the city clerk. The clerk shall refer the application for renewal to the chief of police for review. For any application for renewal of an alarm business license ~~[[which expires on December 31, 2004, or later,]]~~>>for an alarm business which provides to alarm users alarm monitoring services for the receiving of burglary alarm messages<< the application shall state that among the services offered by the alarm business to alarm users is a private first responder service that verifies, in the case of an activated burglary alarm, that an attempted or actual crime has occurred at the alarm site before the alarm signal is transmitted to the police department. If the chief of police files no information with the city clerk that could form the basis of an objection, the license shall be referred to the common council for approval unless a written objection has been filed with the city clerk at least 45 days prior to the date on which the license expires. This objection may be filed by any interested person. If a written objection is filed, or if a determination is made that the applicant no longer meets the licensing qualifications, the application shall be forwarded to the licensing committee of the common council for its recommendation.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Legislative Reference Bureau
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IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE ORDINANCE
IS LEGAL AND ENFORCEABLE

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