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The Middletown Police Department announces the implementation of a new town ordinance pertaining to false alarms. Beginning January 1, 2007, the ordinance, "Private Alarm Ordinance," Chapter 99, (sections 99.01 – 99.99), will go into effect. The purpose of the alarm ordinance is to reduce the number of false alarms that officers from the Middletown Police Department respond to.

Once the ordinance goes into effect the six-month time period will run from January thru June and July thru December. If officers respond to a false alarm the alarm user will be issued a warning. The alarm user is allowed three false alarms within the six-month period. A fourth false alarm will result in a fine as listed in the ordinance. The penalties for a residence/business are as follows:

" A system installed in a **single family residence** may suffer three false alarms in a six month period without penalty. The fourth false alarm within the six-month period shall subject the user to a fine of \$50. The fifth false alarm within a six-month period shall subject the user to a fine of \$75. Each subsequent false alarm within a six month period shall subject the user to a fine of \$100."

"A system installed in buildings other than **single family residences** may suffer three false alarms in a six month period without penalty. The fourth false alarm within the six-month period shall subject the user to a fine of \$100. The fifth false alarm within a six-month period shall subject the user to a fine of \$200. Each subsequent false alarm within a six month period shall subject the user to a fine of \$500."

The Middletown Police Department wants to ensure homeowners and business owners in the town that the purpose of the law is to encourage alarm users to keep their alarms systems in good repair and train personnel how to use the alarm correctly. This will limit the number of false alarms and will allow the Middletown Police Department to spend more time on other duties.

The men and women of the Middletown Police Department look forward to working with alarm users and assist them in any way possible.

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Additional information is available by checking the town website middletownri.com and clicking on the “Alarm Ordinance,” or by contacting the Middletown Police Department Administrative Services Division at (401) 846-1144.