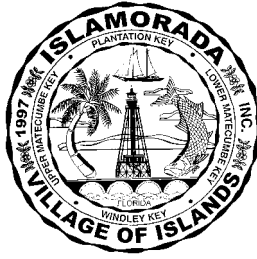


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REGISTRATION NOW REQUIRED FOR BURGLAR ALARM OWNERS ENFORCEMENT BEGINS MAY 1, 2010

Islamorada has adopted new requirements for commercial and residential burglar alarms. Ordinance 09-09 provides regulations for the registration of burglar alarms, law enforcement response to alarm systems and enforcement of false alarms.

All burglar alarm systems must now be registered with the Islamorada District Sheriff's Office. The registration process consists of completing a form and paying an initial registration fee of \$40. Registrations must be renewed annually. There is an additional fee of \$40 for late annual renewals.

Burglar alarm registrations are being accepted at the Islamorada District Sheriff's office on the first floor of the Islamorada Administrative Center and Public Safety Headquarters at 86800 Overseas Highway. Registrations and payments will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Emergency contact information included on the registration form will assist law enforcement personnel to quickly reach the alarm owner and/or alarm monitoring company when a burglar alarm is activated.

Service charges for law enforcement response to false burglar alarms will begin to be charged after the second false burglar alarm in a calendar year. A service charge of \$75.00 will be imposed for a 3rd false burglar alarm, \$150.00 will be imposed for the 4th false alarm and \$250.00 will be imposed for the 5th and all subsequent false alarms in a calendar year.

The charges are not intended to be a penalty, but rather to compensate the Village for law enforcement hours and wear and tear on equipment used in responding to false alarms. The fees may also motivate the owners of faulty or malfunctioning burglar alarm equipment to make the appropriate repairs. A reduction in false burglar alarms would reduce the emergency response of deputies, reduce liability and increase the efficiency of local law enforcement.

The deadline to register burglar alarms is May 1, 2010; the enforcement procedure will begin immediately following the registration deadline.

[Click here for the registration form.](#) For additional information, please contact Leah Zimmerman at 305-664-6480 or leah.zimmerman@islamorada.fl.us.