

ADAMS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FALSE ALARM ORDINANCE

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Section 1 – Purpose

This ordinance is enacted to encourage responsible use of burglar alarms by those protected by automatic electronic alarm systems and to bill/collect appropriate fees for services rendered due to the irresponsible use of automatic electronic alarm systems. Responsible use includes maintaining equipment so that it is not susceptible to false alarms by system failure.

The Sheriff of Adams County, Mississippi has indicated that human error or mechanical malfunctions of criminal detection and burglar alarms in Adams County, Mississippi has resulted in a significant number of false alarms being signaled to which the Sheriff and/or Natchez Police Department must respond.

The emergency response to each false alarm requires the deployment of personnel and vehicles to non-emergency situations and effectively removes that personnel and equipment from the designated service of protecting life and properties and causes unnecessary expenditure of public funds.

Reasonable regulation of the alarms should result in the significant decrease in false alarms, savings of public resources, abatement of public nuisance, and enhance the public health, safety, and welfare.

Section 2 – Citation

This ordinance shall be called the “Adams County, Mississippi False Alarm Ordinance” and be cited: ACFAO.

Section 3 – Authority

This Ordinance has been promulgated under the authority of Miss Code Ann § 19-3-39 (2012) (Board of Supervisors are keepers of the peace) and Miss Code Ann § 19-3-40 (2012).

Section 4 – Definitions

For the purposes of ACFAO, the terms and meanings are set out below:

(a) Alarm Site – means a single fixed premises or location served by an Alarm System. Each tenancy, if served by a separate Alarm System in a mulch-tenant building or complex shall be considered a separate Alarm Site.