

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2021 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-096-2021

Chapter No. 75

Proposed and Presented by The Chair (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Turner, Davis, Taveras, Franklin and Dernoga

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction October 19, 2021

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **BURGLAR AND HOLDUP ALARM PERMIT FEES**  
3 **AND FALSE ALARM RESPONSE FEES**

4 For the purpose of creating parity between fees for commercial and residential burglar and  
5 holdup alarm users and for addressing resources required to respond to false alarm.

6 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

7 **SUBTITLE 9. ELECTRICITY.**  
8 Sections 9-211 and 9-212  
9 The Prince George's County Code  
10 (2019 Edition; 2020 Supplement).

11 **SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED** by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
12 Maryland, that Sections 9-211 and 9-212 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same  
13 are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

14 **SUBTITLE 9. ELECTRICITY**  
15 **DIVISION 2. BURGLAR AND HOLDUP ALARM STANDARDS.**  
16 **SUBDIVISION 2. BURGLAR AND HOLDUP ALARM USER'S LICENSE AND**  
17 **REGISTRATION.**

18 Sec. 9-211. Alarm user permits.

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20 ([c]d) Alarm User Permit Fees.

1 (1) Commercial.

2 (A) Initial Permit Fee. There shall be a Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) nonrefundable,  
 3 commercial alarm permit fee for the first two years. The fee may be paid by the alarm  
 4 user or the alarm business. Payment shall accompany the application.

5 (B) Permit Renewal Fee. Beginning with the third year, there shall be a  
 6 nonrefundable biennial commercial alarm renewal fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). The  
 7 fee may be paid by the alarm user or the alarm business. Payment shall accompany  
 8 the application.

9 (2) Residential. [There shall be a nonrefundable biennial commercial alarm renewal fee  
 10 of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).]

11 (A) Initial Permit Fee. There shall be a Twenty Dollar (\$20.00) nonrefundable,  
 12 residential alarm permit fee for the first two years. The fee may be paid by the alarm  
 13 user or the alarm business. Payment shall accompany the application.

14 (B) Permit Renewal Fee. Beginning with the third year, there shall be a  
 15 nonrefundable biennial residential alarm renewal fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).  
 16 The fee may be paid by the alarm user or the alarm business. Payment shall  
 17 accompany the application.

18 (3) There shall be a Twenty-five Dollar (\$25.00) fee for duplicate registration stickers.

19 (4) If an alarm user permit has been revoked or suspended, a reinstatement fee of One  
 20 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) must accompany a reinstatement application.

21 [(5) There shall be no permit fee or renewal fee for a residential alarm permit.]

22 ([d]e) The information contained in an alarm user permit application required by this Section  
 23 and other information received by the Chief of Police through correspondence or  
 24 communications with an alarm user shall be securely maintained and restricted to inspection  
 25 only by police officers or County employees specifically assigned the responsibility for  
 26 handling and processing alarm user permits in the course of official duties. If any employee  
 27 of the County is found to have knowingly or willfully revealed the information contained in  
 28 an alarm user permit application or in correspondence or communications with an alarm

1 user to any other person for any purpose not related to this Subtitle or official law  
2 enforcement matters and without the express written consent of the alarm user supplying  
3 such information, the County employee shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

4 ([e]f) Upon the issuance of a permit, the permittee shall be given a registration sticker with a  
5 registration number which shall be posted at the main entrance of the alarm site in such a  
6 manner as to be readily seen by police without entry.

7 ([f]g) Any alarm user who operates an alarm system without first obtaining a permit as required  
8 by this Section, or who, after having a permit revoked or suspended, or is indebted to the  
9 County for false alarm fees and/or fines incurred by the alarm user under the current or a  
10 previous permit and after exhausting his rights to hearing and appeal, fails to disconnect the  
11 alarm system shall be in violation of this Division.

12 Sec. 9-212. False alarms.

13 (a) For each false alarm from the alarm user's alarm system, an alarm user shall pay a false  
14 alarm response fee, as set forth in the following table:

<b>FALSE ALARM SIGNAL OCCURRENCE</b>	<b>FALSE ALARM RESPONSE FEE</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> [,] or 2 <sup>nd</sup> [, or 3 <sup>rd</sup> ]	No fee
3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , or 6 <sup>th</sup>	\$50.00
7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , or 9 <sup>th</sup>	100.00
10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , or 12 <sup>th</sup>	150.00
13 <sup>th</sup> or greater	200.00

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18 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby  
19 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,  
20 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of  
21 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining

1 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this  
2 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such  
3 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,  
4 or section.

5 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take forty-five (45) calendar  
6 days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Calvin S. Hawkins, II  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela D. Alsobrooks  
County Executive

KEY:  
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.  
Asterisks \*\*\* indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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