

**TOWNSHIP OF CHIKAMING  
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 138**  
Adopted: March 13, 2014

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 119 BEING AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND GOVERN THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF ALARM SYSTEMS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHIKAMING, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ENACTED PURSUANT ACT 246 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1945, AS AMENDED, BEING THE TOWNSHIP GENERAL ORDINANCE STATUTE, TO PROVIDE FOR RECOVERY OF COSTS INCURRED BY THE TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH ALARM SYSTEMS, AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH**

**THE TOWNSHIP OF CHIKAMING, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:**

Section 1. Section 2. Definitions of Ordinance No. 119, of Chikaming Township, is hereby amended by the deletion of *Type I False Alarm* and *Type II False Alarms* and the addition thereto of following:

*False Alarm* means a signal given by an Alarm System or an Alarm Monitoring Agency when no emergency is found by the public safety personnel that respond to the alarm; moreover any type of alarm caused by malfunction of the system, weather or other non-human sources, alarm users or contractors, cleaning people or others contracted by alarm user or agent.

Section 2. Section 6. Alarm Registration and Renewal of Ordinance No. 119, of Chikaming Township, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 6. Alarm Registration and Renewal. All Alarm Systems installed after the date of this Ordinance must be registered at the time the Township issues an installation permit. Existing Alarm Systems must be registered between January 1 and January 31 following the date of this Ordinance. Every Alarm User must renew his registration between January 1 and January 31 of each year the Alarm System is in use. Registration will require the following information:

1. The name, complete address, telephone numbers and email addresses (if any) of the person who will be the registration holder and be responsible for the proper maintenance and operation of the Alarm System and payment of fees and fines assessed under this Ordinance;
2. The names, complete addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses (if any) of at least two individuals who reside locally and are able to and have agreed to receive notification of an alarm and have access to the site and know how to deactivate the alarm;
3. The name, complete address, telephone numbers and email addresses (if any) of the company that installed and is maintaining the alarm;
4. The name, complete address, telephone numbers and email addresses (if any) of any monitoring company that is engaged in monitoring the alarm.

Registration fees and renewal fees will be set by resolution of the Township Board. Any person who is found to be operating a non-registered Alarm System will be subject to the "failure to register" fine. This fine will be set by resolution of the Township Board. The Alarm Administrator may waive this fine if the User registers the Alarm System within 10 days of the alarm. When an Alarm User deactivates an Alarm System the Alarm User must notify the Administrator so that their system can be deleted from the Township tracking system.

Section 3. Section 7. False Alarms of Ordinance No. 119, of Chikaming Township, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 7. False Alarms. Alarm Systems which signal more than the number of false alarms set forth below are deemed to be abusive of the public safety personnel and are declared to be a public nuisance. Alarm Systems or Alarm Monitoring Agencies are in violation whenever any Alarm System signals more than three (3) False Alarms in any one calendar year. False alarms which are recorded in the first sixty (60) days after installation of an Alarm System shall not be counted.

Section 3. Section 8. Fines Charged for Responding to False Alarms of Ordinance No. 119, of Chikaming Township, is hereby amended to read as follows:

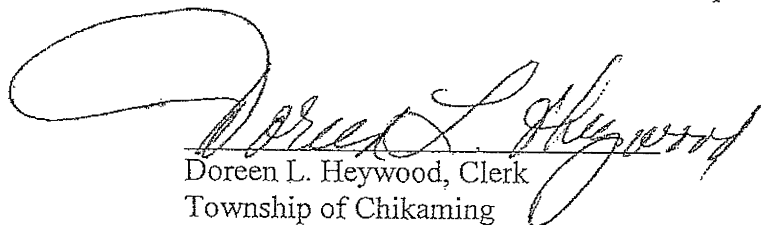
Section 8. Fines Charged for Responding to False Alarms. Every Alarm User shall pay to the Township a fine for responding to false alarms in excess of the number set forth in Section 7 above. The schedule of false alarm fees shall be periodically set by resolution of the Township. The fee shall be reasonably based on the Township's direct and indirect costs of responding to false alarms, administering the system of recording false alarms, and collecting and accounting for the user fees charged. Such fees shall be paid within thirty (30) days of written notice thereof. The failure to pay within said time shall be a debt in favor of the Township, and the obligation of the Alarm User and/or property owner subject to any collection process set forth herein and/or allowed by law.

Section 4. Ordinance No. 119, of Chikaming Township, is hereby amended by the addition thereto of the followings:

Section 15. False Alarms Made Knowingly or Intentionally. Any person found knowingly or intentionally false alarms shall guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and/or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, together with costs of prosecution.

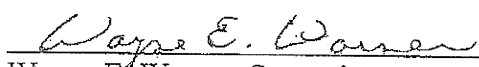
Section 5. Validity. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance was adopted by the Chikaming Township Board at a regular meeting held in the Township Hall on the 13th day of March, 2014, shall take effect the 8th day of June, 2014, the same being more than thirty (30) days after the date of publication. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

  
Doreen L. Heywood, Clerk  
Township of Chikaming

Attest:

Fees and Fines

  
Wayne E. Warner, Supervisor  
Township of Chikaming

Registration Fee:	\$50
Renewal Fee:	\$25
Failure to Register Fee:	\$100
False Alarms after <del>(3) three</del> :	<del>\$250</del>