

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42
“FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION”**

Be It Ordained by the City Council of City of Rolling Meadows, Illinois as follows:

Section One: Chapter 42, “Fire Protection and Prevention” of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding thereto, the following:

Section 42-147. Connection to Northwest Central Dispatch required.

Effective October 1, 2009, any fire alarm system as mandated by International Fire Code 2003 Edition, as amended by city ordinance, shall transmit trouble, supervisory, and fire signals to the City’s designated proprietary agent’s receiving point in the city via a wireless transmitter in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 72-1999. Only equipment certified and approved by the City of Rolling Meadows, Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCD) and/or its designated proprietor shall be installed. The designated proprietary agent shall be the only authorized installer of the approved radio transmitters. Existing systems shall be changed to wireless upon the alarm owner’s request, when the existing equipment is updated or when any of the following occurs:

1. An alarm has been in a trouble or out of service condition for a time period of over thirty days caused by a problem with the dedicated telephone fire alarm circuit.
2. An alarm has 3 or more line troubles lasting 48 hours or more in any 12 month period.
3. When an existing contract with a monitoring agency (central station) other than NWCD ends, the alarm owner will request to be changed to wireless.

Section 42-148. Fire alarm system plan review.

Fire alarm system plans shall be submitted for review for any new fire alarm system and/or upgrade to an existing system. No work shall begin prior to the approval of the plan by the Fire Department and the issuance of a permit for the work by the Community Development Department.

A system upgrade shall be defined as any one or more of the following:

1. Replacement of the main fire alarm control panel.

2. Replacement of more than ½ the alarm initiation devices.
3. Replacement of more than ½ the alarm notification devices.
4. Any addition of alarm initiating devices.
5. Addition, repair or replacement of any fire alarm wiring.

Section 42-149. Fire alarm system requirements for connection.

Fire alarm system connections to Northwest Central Dispatch System shall be made only after compliance with the following requirements.

(a) The alarm system shall be installed in accordance with NFPA

72-1999 and according to the manufacturer's directions.

(b) Fire alarm systems shall be compatible with the City's/NWCD's system.

(c) The alarm user shall make arrangements with the company installing the alarm system and the designated proprietary agent for the installation of a wireless transmitter. The designated proprietary agent shall be the only authorized installer of the approved radio transmitters.

(d) The alarm user shall purchase and install a standard security lock box in the manner and location prescribed by the fire department and containing keys to all entrances and exits to the building to allow immediate access in emergency situations.

(e) All fire alarm systems shall be installed, maintained and tested in accordance with NFPA 72-1999 and International Fire Code 2003 Edition as amended by city ordinance.

(f) The fire department shall inspect the property prior to connection and make a written finding as to whether the above requirements have been met. For fire alarm systems required to be installed by city ordinance, the inspection shall be required prior to the issuance of the final occupancy permit.

Sec. 42-150. Alarm system posting requirements.

The alarm user shall post or cause to be posted at or near the location where such alarm system can be deactivated, a notice containing the name, address and telephone number of the alarm user and the person, firm or corporation responsible for the maintenance and repair of such alarm system.

Sec. 42-151. Maintenance and testing requirements.

(a) All alarm users shall maintain the alarm system in good working order.

(b) The alarm user shall have any fire alarm system tested by a licensed testing department in accordance with NFPA 72-1999.

(1) The results of the testing agency or electrical contractors test shall be in writing, signed by the agency or contractor, and kept on file at the premises where the alarm system is being used. A copy of the test results shall be forwarded to the fire department upon completion of the alarm system test. The test shall not be considered completed until the city receives the written results thereof. If the written results are not received by the city within sixty (60) days after the end of the applicable testing interval, a summons will be issued to appear in the City's Code Hearing Unit Adjudication.

(2) New and upgraded systems shall be acceptance tested accordance with NFPA 72-1999.

Section 42-152. Time limits – Alarm sound; response to city notification.

The alarm user shall respond or cause his representative to appear at the alarm system location within one (1) hour from notification by the city to reset an alarm system, to provide access to the premises, or to provide securing for the premises.

Section Two: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of passage and approval as required by law.

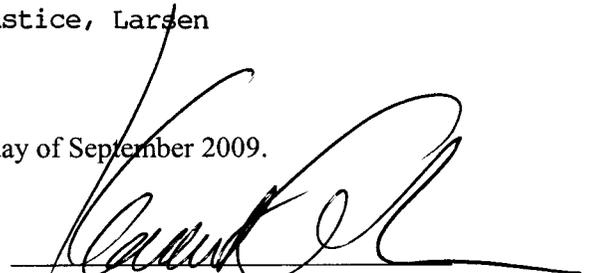
Section Three: This Ordinance shall be printed and published in pamphlet form by order of the City Council of Rolling Meadow, Illinois.

YEAS: Pitzaferro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice, Larsen

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Passed and approved this 22nd day of September 2009.



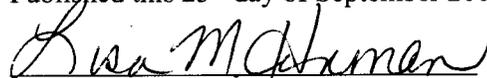
Kenneth A. Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

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