

**STARKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE 2020-006
FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE STARKE COUNTY
ALARM SYSTEMS REGULATION ORDINANCE**

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STARKE COUNTY (the "Commissioners"), after consultation with the Starke County Sheriff, hereby AMENDS the Starke County Alarm Systems Regulation Ordinance (Starke County Ordinance 2019-08) as described below:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

ARTICLE II, SECTION 8 is hereby REPLACED in its entirety with the following new ARTICLE II, SECTION 8, to wit:

SECTION 8. FALSE ALARM NOTIFICATION NOTICES AND PENALTIES

(A) The person in control of an alarm system shall be subject to warning and fines depending on the number of false alarm notifications emitted from an alarm system within a year period based upon the following schedule:

<u>Number of False Alarm Notifications</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
1	Written Notice
2	Warning Letter
3-4	Fine not to exceed \$50
5 or more	Fine not to exceed \$500

(B) Any person who operates a newly installed system will not be subject to (A) above for 30 days following completion provided that the alarm system is properly registered.

(C) Any person who causes an alarm notification from a site that is not registered shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$100 per notification.

ARTICLE II is amended to add the following new SECTION 12, to wit:

SECTION 12. ADMINISTRATION AND HANDLING OF FUNDS

(A) Responsibility for administration of the Starke County Alarm Systems Regulation Ordinance as amended is vested with the Sheriff of Starke County.

(B) The Sheriff shall designate an Alarm Administrator to carry out the duties and functions required or authorized under the Starke County Alarm Systems Regulation Ordinance as amended.

(B) Funds collected by the Sheriff's Department, or any other entity, under the authority of the Starke County Alarm Systems Regulation Ordinance as amended, whether by registration fees, or by penalties or fines hereunder shall be promptly delivered to the Auditor. The Auditor shall deposit such funds into a dedicated line item to fund the operating costs engendered by operating or enforcing Starke County Alarm Systems Regulation. Upon approval of the Starke County Commissioners and the Starke County Council, any excess funds shall then be transferred to and deposited in the Sheriff's Retirement Fund (#2293).

THE AMENDMENTS SET FORTH HEREINABOVE are corrective and shall take effect upon passage or after publication as required by law, whichever date is later.

THE AUDITOR IS INSTRUCTED to attach or cause to be attached a copy of this Amendment to all official copies of Ordinance 2019-08 both in the Auditor's files as well as in publicly accessible resources to the extent practicable, including the county web site.

In all other respects Ordinance 2019-08 is hereby ratified and shall continue in full force and effect. Upon duly made motion for suspension of the rules, seconded and approved unanimously, this AMENDMENT is approved in a single reading this 3rd day of February, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STARKE COUNTY

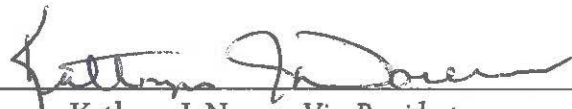
VOTE

yes




Charles Chesak, *President*

yes



Kathryn J. Norem, *Vice President*

YES



Bryan Cavendar, *Member*

ATTEST:



Rachel Osterreich, *Auditor*
Of Starke County Indiana