

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE SECTION 7.07 OF THE NEKOOSA MUNICIPAL CODE
REGARDING PARKING REGULATIONS

The Common Council of the City of Nekoosa, Wisconsin does ordain as follows:

SECTION I. Subsection 7.07(1)(h) is amended to read as follows:

(h) On the west side of Point Basse Avenue to a point 60 feet from Market Street.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025.

City of Nekoosa

By: _____
Daniel Carlson, Mayor

By: _____
Kallee Ferk, City Clerk

§ 12.11 **Alarm systems.**

[Added by Ord. No. 453]

(1) Permit required. All persons or entities intending to install or maintain an alarm system shall first obtain a permit from the Police Department. An alarm permit application shall be submitted for approval, after which a permit shall be granted by the Police Department upon payment of the appropriate fee as set forth in Subsection **(3)** below. The application shall explain what type of alarm will be utilized, along with a description of how the alarm works. Any alarm user whose signal is ultimately reported to the Police Department or the Fire Department must have a permit. If an alarm user does not have a permit, he shall be held in violation of this section. If at any time the alarm user does not comply with the regulations set forth in this section, the alarm permit may be revoked by the Chief of Police or his designee.

[Amended by Ord. No. 502]

(2) Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ALARM SYSTEM

An assembly of equipment and devices or a single device, such as a solid state unit which plugs directly into a one-hundred-ten-volt AC line or otherwise receives electrical energy, arranged to signal the presence of a hazard requiring urgent attention and to which the Police or Fire Department is expected to respond.^[1]

Commented [SW1]: The goal was to simplify the ordinance and the whole matter. A permit is not necessary and only really injects bureaucracy. Police and Fire don't care if there is a permit and with the advent of so many inexpensive systems, keeping up on alarm permits is inefficient.

Commented [SW2]: This is an outdated definition and unnecessary

ALARM USER

Any business or citizen in the City that installs or maintains an alarm system. A person is considered an alarm user when the Police Department or the Fire Department receives notification of the alarm signal coming from his property. How the signal is reported to the Police Department or the Fire Department does not determine whether or not the person is an alarm user.

[Amended by Ord. No. 502]

Commented [SW3]: This term was integrated into (1) False Alarms in the updated version.

FALSE ALARM

A signal from an alarm system resulting in a response by the Police Department or the Fire Department when an emergency situation does not exist, which could be caused by intentional means, employee error in regulation of the alarm or equipment malfunction. An alarm will not be counted as a false alarm if it was due to a power outage or power interruption.

[Amended by Ord. No. 502]

Commented [SW4]: Updated in the new version

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Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 25, General Provisions, Art. II).

(3) Permit fees.

(a) Signal received through an outside alarm service: \$10.

(b) On-premises alarm: \$10.

Commented [SW5]: Removal of permit = removal of fees.

(4) Alarm testing. It is the responsibility of the alarm user and/or central answering station to notify the Wood County Sheriff's Department of intention to test an alarm system. In

Commented [SW6]: "No notification of testing" was included in (1) False Alarms of the updated version

the event of an alarm test and no prior notification of testing exists, the alarm test shall be considered a false alarm.

(5) Penalties:

Commented [SW7]: Penalty section updated to encourage responsible alarm system use

(a) Utilizing an alarm without a permit within a twelve-month period:

- 1.** First violation: a written warning.
- 2.** All subsequent violations: a forfeiture of \$100, plus costs.

(b) False alarm schedule. False alarms shall be recorded on the county computer. Statistics shall be available to the officer assigned to respond to an alarm. If the officer determines that the user has exceeded the permitted number of false alarms within a twelve-month period, a citation shall be issued using the following schedule based on the number of violations occurring within the past twelve-month period from the alarm in question:

[Amended by Ord. No. 502]

- 1.** First and second violations: a written warning to the alarm user.
- 2.** Third violation: \$10, plus costs.
- 3.** Fourth violation: \$25, plus costs.
- 4.** Fifth and subsequent violations: \$50, plus costs.

ORDINANCE NO. _____
AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE SECTION §12.11 OF THE NEKOOSA MUNICIPAL
CODE REGARDING ALARM SYSTEMS

The Common Council of the City of Nekoosa, Wisconsin does ordain as follows:

§12.11 is amended to read as follows:

§12.11 Alarm Systems

(1) False alarms.

The user of any alarm system which, upon activation, elicits a response from the Police or Fire Departments, shall be subject to the following answering fee schedule for each alarm in the calendar year. The fee will be assessed if it is determined that the alarm was discharged falsely, accidentally or by negligence, including lack of maintenance or no notification of testing.

(a) Fee schedule:

1. First two false alarms: No Charge
2. Third false alarm: \$100.00
3. Fourth false alarm: \$150.00
4. Fifth or more false alarms: \$200.00 each

- (b) The fees above mentioned shall not be imposed in the event the police discover any evidence of forcible entry or attempted forcible entry. Said fee will not be imposed if it can be determined that the alarm was activated by weather conditions, fire, or other acts of God.
- (c) If the possessor of the alarm shows to the satisfaction of the Police or Fire Chief, as appropriate, that a false alarm was not the result of negligence or improper maintenance or other good and sufficient cause beyond reasonable control of the possessor of the alarm, such fee may be waived and the response not counted as a false alarm in computing the established fee.
- (d) The fee established by this article is imposed whether the Wood County Communication Center, Nekoosa Police Department or the Fire Department serving the City received notification of the alarm by direct connection or through other intermediary means.
- (e) Those subject to fees for false alarms shall be notified, in writing, of such fees by the City. In the event fees remain unpaid, said fees may be collected as a special tax assessed against the property of the owner.

- (f) Any person who intentionally activates any alarm as an intentional violation of Subsection (1) of this section shall be subject to a penalty as provided in § 25.04 of this Code.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025.

City of Nekoosa

By: _____
Daniel Carlson, Mayor

By: _____
Kallee Ferk, City Clerk