

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT  
ORDINANCE RELATING TO AUTOMATIC ALARMS**

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Violation of this ordinance shall be a civil matter enforced in accordance with the provisions of Title 24 VSA sections 1974A and 1977. Civil penalties of not more than \$500 may be imposed for a violation of this ordinance. The first and second offenses per calendar year shall be considered warnings, thereafter civil complaints shall be issued with the waiver fee shall be \$50 for the third offense, \$75 for the fourth offense, and \$100 for the fifth and subsequent offenses. Each day (24 hour period) the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation of this ordinance.

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Adopted by the Thetford Board of Selectmen this 26th day of August, 1996 and effective October 25, 1996.

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