



---

**WESLACO POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**BURGLARY & ROBBERY ALARM ORDINANCE**

Date of Release: October 1, 2014

Revised: February 24, 2016

Purpose: The purpose of the ordinance is:

- To protect the emergency services of the Weslaco Police Department from misuse;
  - To defray the costs of administering the ordinance;
  - To encourage improvements in reliability of burglary and robbery alarm systems;
  - To reduce the number of false alarms; and
  - To ensure that a responsible person is available to come to the site of a burglary or robbery Alarm activation.
- (Sec. 82-123)

COVERAGE: This article applies only to burglary and robbery alarm systems, installed and maintained on residential, non-residential, or commercial sites.

(Sec. 82-125)

EXEMPTIONS: This article does not apply to

- 1.) Vehicle alarms.
- 2.) Fire alarms,
- 3.) Other non-burglary or non-robbery alarms, such as medical emergency, environmental conditions warning and others;
- 4.) Alarm systems designed to notify only the occupants of a structure and which cannot be heard on the outside of that structure; and
- 5.) Alarmed premises occupied by local, state, or federal government entities.

(Sec. 82-131)

REGISTERING ALARM SYSTEM:

Both new and existing alarm systems may be filled out with the Police Department for an alarm permit. A non-refundable fee of \$25 must accompany the application. If the application is approved, the permit is effective on the date issued and is good for one (1) year, unless revoked for cause. Forms are available at the Police Department. Check, money order or cash will be accepted.

(Sec. 82-126)

PENALTY FOR ALARM OPERATION WITHOUT PERMIT:

If a person operates an alarm system without a permit, he/she is subject to a fine of \$200-\$500. Each day of unpermitted operation is considered a separate violation.

(Sec. 82-136)

SERVICE FEE FOR FALSE ALARMS (Business and Residential):

A permitted site is allowed 3 false burglary alarms in a one-year period. For each false burglary alarm after the first 3, a service fee of \$50 will be assessed. *(False alarms will be monitored daily)*



---

**WESLACO POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**BURGLARY & ROBBERY ALARM ORDINANCE**

Date of Release: October 1, 2014

Revised: February 24, 2016

A permitted site is allowed 2 false robbery alarms in a one-year period. For each false robbery alarm after the first 2, a service fee of \$100 will be assessed.

(Sec. 82-130)

**Closure:**

There are other provisions to the alarm ordinance that each permit holder needs to be aware of. It is important that the permit holder read and understand all provisions of this ordinance.

It is extremely important that all employees of alarmed businesses and all residents of alarmed homes understand the requirements and be aware of the service fees associated with this ordinance.

False alarms are near 100% preventable, but residents and employees alike must be made fully aware of the ordinance's requirements, and need to be held accountable for the correct use of permitted security systems.

Applications may be picked up at the Police Department.

For more information, contact Records Division at 901 N. Airport Drive, Weslaco TX 78596 or call (956) 968-8591.

**NOTE:**

**FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION RELATING TO ALARMS PLEASE VISIT WEBISTE MENTIONED BELOW**

**[www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com)**