

### 9.05.020 – Definitions

- A. Alarm Company - means that business by any person, firm, partnership, corporation, association, organization, company, or other entity of selling, leasing, maintaining, servicing, repairing, altering, replacing, moving or installing any alarm system or causing to be sold, leased, maintained, serviced, repaired, altered, replaced, moved, or installed in or on any building, structure or facility.
- B. Alarm Agent - means any person employed by, working for, representing, or subcontracted by an alarm company.
- C. Alarm System - means any assembly of equipment, mechanical or electrical, arranged to signal the occurrence of any actual or attempted burglary or robbery to which the police are expected to respond.
- D. Alarm User - means a person(s), firm, partnership, corporation, association, organization, company or other entity in control of a protected premise where an alarm system is located.
- E. Audible Alarm - means an alarm system or device that generates an audible sound.
- F. Automatic Dialing Digital Alarm Communicator System - means a system in which signals are transmitted from a digital alarm communicator transmitter located at a protected premises through the public switched telephone network to a digital alarm communicator receiver at a central alarm station or the Tri-Com Communication Center.
- G. Automatic Dialing Telephone Alarm - means a device that automatically dials any of the Tri-Com Communications Center emergency telephone lines, without human activation of the device by the alarm user or employee of the alarm user, upon detection of an unauthorized entry or other unauthorized activity at a protected premise.
- H. Calendar Year - means a 12-month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31 every year.
- I. Central Alarm Station - means a system in which the operation of electrical protection circuits and devices are signaled automatically to, recorded at, or maintained and serviced from a place of business having trained alarm operators in attendance at all times.
- J. Chief of Police - means the city of St. Charles Chief of Police or his designee.
- K. City - means city of St. Charles.
- L. False Alarm - means activation or transmission of any alarm signal caused by human error, mechanical or electronic malfunction, negligence of the alarm user or alarm user's employee, whether or not the exact cause of the alarm activation is determined, or any other activation or transmission of any alarm signal where no actual or attempted burglary or robbery exists. Severe weather, power outages, transmission line malfunctions, acts of God, malicious acts of persons not under the control of the alarm user, or any other cause clearly beyond the control of the alarm user will be considered in determining if an alarm activation was false and whether or not any occurrence, fine, warning or other punitive action will be taken against the alarm user as provided for by this ordinance.
- M. Mayor - means the city of St. Charles Mayor or his designee.
- N. Notice - means written notice given by personal service upon the addressee, or, given by the United States Postal Office, postage paid, to the addressee's last known mailing address.
- O. Permittee - means any person, firm, partnership, corporation, association, organization, company, or other entity issued an alarm permit by the city.
- P. Person - means a natural person, or a firm, partnership, corporation, association, organization, company, or other entity.
- Q. Prerecorded telephone message - means a prerecorded voice message transmitted or received over a telephone line.
- R. Protected premises - means any building, structure, or facility where an alarm system is installed to signal the occurrence of any actual or attempted entry or entry to which the police are expected to respond.