

ORDINANCE 2025-06

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, GENERAL LICENSING, OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF
MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 4-2, PRIVATE ALARM
SYSTEMS, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham (the “**Township**”) adopted Ordinance 16-77 authorizing the implementation of the Private Alarm System Ordinance of the Township, which is codified in Section 4-2 of the Township Code; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the technological advances in private alarm systems, the Private Alarm System Ordinance has become redundant, an administrative burden, and incompatible with modern alarm monitoring practices; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to amend the Township Code, Chapter 4, General Licensing, Section 4-2, Private Alarm Systems, to eliminate (i) the definitions of Private Alarm System and Warning Device from Subsection 4-2.2, Definitions; and (ii) subsection 4-2.3, Private Alarm System Requirements, subsection 4-2.4, Warning Devices, and subsection 4-2.5, Disclaimer of Responsibility, in their entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

Section 2. Township Code Chapter 4, General Licensing, Section 4.2, Private Alarm Systems, subsection 4-2.2, Definitions, is hereby amended as follows:

§ 4-2.2 Definitions.

As used in this section:

FALSE ALARM

Shall mean:

- a. Any signal or message received at the police desk to which a response is initiated and which signal or message was directly or indirectly caused or produced by a private alarm system in the absence of any criminal activity or other emergency.
- b. Any sound by a warning device to which a response by the Chatham Township Police Department is initiated which was directly or indirectly caused or produced by a warning device in the absence of any criminal activity or other emergency.

Section 3. Township Code Chapter 4, General Licensing, Section 4-2, Private Alarm Systems, subsection 4-2.3, Private Alarm System Requirements, subsection 4-2.4, Warning

Devices, and subsection 4-2.5 Disclaimer of Responsibility, are hereby repealed and rescinded in their entirety, and shall no longer be of, or remain in, any force or effect.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, division, clause or provisions so adjudicated and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 5. All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect according to law.

Introduced:

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF
MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Adopted:

Attest:

BY: _____
Michael Choi, Mayor

Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk