

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS** DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY *ANDREW L. PAZUCHOWSKI, Director* 20025 Mack Plaza Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397



November 28, 2011

Dear Resident/Business Owner:

On September 12, 2011, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council adopted an Alarm Ordinance (#842; Sections 8-450 - 8-458). The intent of this ordinance is to ensure the efficient use of the City's police, fire, and medical services by reducing the number of incoming false alarms.

Effective January 1, 2012, all residents and business owners are required to register their alarm systems with the City. The registration fee is \$60 and is valid until December 31, 2014. The purpose of registering alarms is to provide the Department of Public Safety (DPS) with the necessary information of whom to contact in the event of an emergency. Additionally, it authorizes DPS to contact alarm companies directly when a malfunction or problem occurs with a system.

Section 8-451 of the Alarm Ordinance prohibits alarms from having automatic calling and dialing features. To comply with the new ordinance, residents and business owners with this type of alarm will be required to modify their existing systems. In addition, the alarm company will need to be notified and informed that all activations must be dialed directly into the DPS dispatch center at (313) 343-2400.

For your convenience, a registration form and copy of the Alarm Ordinance are enclosed. Please complete and return the form, along with the \$60 registration fee to the following address:

Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety Att: Alarm License Application 20025 Mack Plaza Drive Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (313) 343-2419.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Andrew Pazuchowski, Director Department of Public Safety apazuchowski@gpwmi.us

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