CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 12-0064
(First Reader)

A BILL ENTITLED

1   AN ORDINANCE concerning

2   **Burglar Alarms – No Fees For User Registrations**

3   FOR the purpose of specifying that a burglar alarm user may not be charged a fee for registering
4   an alarm with the Police Commissioner, lowering the fines for burglar alarm violations, and
5   generally relating to the registration and regulation of burglar alarms.

6   BY adding
7   Article 19 - Police Ordinances
8   Section(s) 8-5(c)
9   Baltimore City Code
10   (Edition 2000)

11   BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments
12   Article 19 - Police Ordinances
13   Section(s) 8-8(b)
14   Baltimore City Code
15   (Edition 2000)

16   BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments
17   Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
18   Section(s) 40-14(e)(3) and 41-14(2)
19   Baltimore City Code
20   (Edition 2000)

21   **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
22   Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

23   **Baltimore City Code**

24   **Article 19. Police Ordinances**

25   **Subtitle 8. Burglar Alarms - Registration and Regulation**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1 **§ 8-5. Registration — Users.**

2 (C) *NO REGISTRATION FEE FOR USERS.*

3 A USER MAY NOT BE CHARGED ANY FEES FOR REGISTRATIONS OR RENEWALS OF
4 REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

5 **§ 8-8. False alarm fees**.

6 (b) *Fee Schedule.*

7 After 2 false alarms in any 12-month period, a false alarm fee is imposed for each
8 false alarm, based on the following schedule:

False alarms within 12-month period	Fee
3rd	$ 50
4th	100
5th	150
6th	200
7th	250
8th	300
9th	[400] 350
10th	[500] 400
11th	[600] 450
12th AND ABOVE	500
[Noncommercial users	700
Commercial users	2,000
13th	
Noncommercial users	800
Commercial users	2,000
14th and above	
Noncommercial users	1,000
Commercial users	2,000]

29 **Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies**

30 **Subtitle 40**. **Environmental Control Board**

31 **§ 40-14. Violations to which subtitle applies.**

32 (e) *Provisions and penalties enumerated.*

33 (3) ***Article 19. Police Ordinances***

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35 § 8-18. Burglar alarms: Penalties
36 Users   [$250]
37 1ST OFFENSE $ 50

1	2ᴺᴰ OFFENSE	$100
2	3ᴿᴰ OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE	$150
3	Contractors, Monitors, Others	$500

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Subtitle 41. Civil Citations

§ 41-14. Offenses to which subtitle applies – Listing.

(2) *Article 19. Police Ordinances*

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9	§ 8-18. Burglar alarms: Penalties	
10	Users	[$250]
11	1ˢᵀ OFFENSE	$ 50
12	2ᴺᴰ OFFENSE	$100
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14	Contractors, Monitors, Others	$500

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16 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
17 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
18 Ordinance.

19 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30ᵗʰ day
20 after the date it is enacted.