

**ORDINANCE NO. 605**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE V OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ADDING NEW SECTION 6-108 THROUGH 6-111 TO CONFORM THE CODE OF ORDINANCES LANGUAGE REGARDING THE PERMITTING AND INSTALLATION OF LOW-VOLTAGE ALARM SYSTEMS TO THE FLORIDA STATE STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean Ridge Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Article V provides for the installation and operation standards of alarm systems; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has enacted House Bill 973 requiring streamlined low-voltage alarm system installation permitting; and

WHEREAS, as of October 1, 2013, the Town of Ocean Ridge Code of Ordinances language is in conflict with the Florida state statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission has determined that the enactment of this ordinance is for a proper municipal purpose and in the best interests of the residents of the Town;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Findings of Fact.** The WHEREAS clauses set forth above are adopted herein as findings of fact.

**Section 2. Amendment.** Chapter 6, Article V is hereby amended to add the following section which shall read in full:

**Section 6-108.- Permitting Low-Voltage Alarm Systems.**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, prior to the installation of a low-voltage alarm system, the installer or alarm user shall either:

(1) obtain a numbered, unused, uniform basic permit label. Under this option, the alarm installers or users must submit a Uniform Notice of a Low-Voltage Alarm System Project as described in section 6-109(a) for each low-voltage alarm system he or she operates within the town within 14 days after completing the installation of the alarm system. The labels shall act as the project permit for the length of time beginning at the commencement of installation and ending on the deadline for submitting a Uniform Notice of a Low-Voltage Alarm System

Project. Upon submission of a Uniform Notice of a Low-Voltage Alarm System Project, a permit shall immediately be issued;

or

(2) obtain an Advance Notice Permit prior to the commencement of the project, which shall be the project permit, providing the name, address, city, state, and zip code of the alarm system's user or owner and proof of the installer's registration or certification as a contractor. A numbered Advance Notice Permit shall be immediately provided upon submission of the information above; however, within 14 days after completing the installation of the alarm system the installer or the alarm user must provide the information required in Section 6-109(b) of this article.

(b) *Uniform Basic Permit Label Purchase.* Contractors may purchase single or multiple numbered unused uniform basic permit labels for one or more unspecified current or future projects.

(c) *Posting.* A contractor installing an alarm system shall post the Advance Notice Permit or uniform basic permit label in a conspicuous place on the premises of the project before commencing work on the project.

(d) *Violation.* Any installer or alarm user who fails to obtain an Advance Notice Permit or a uniform basic permit label as required by 6-108(a) shall be in violation of this Code. Each day that such violation continues after the expiration of the period allowed for compliance under the provisions of this article shall constitute a separate offense.

(e) *Plan Review.* This section does not apply to the installation or replacement of a fire alarm if a plan review is required.

**Section 3. Amendment.** Chapter 6, Article V is hereby amended to add the following section which shall read in full:

**Section 6-109.-Additional Requirements.**

(a) Within 14 days of the completion of the project, the alarm user or installer choosing to permit his or her project under Section 108(a)(1) of this article shall state, on the Uniform Notice of a Low-Voltage Alarm System Project that complies with the requirements of Section 553.793, *Florida Statutes* as it may be amended from time to time, the owner or customer's name; the owner or customer's address, city, state, zip code, phone number, and email address; the contractor's (installer's) name; the contractor's (installer's) address, city, state, zip code, and phone number; the contractor's (installer's) license number; the date the project completed; the scope of work; the following statement: "Notice is hereby given that a low-voltage alarm system project has been completed at the address specified above. I certify that all of the foregoing information is true and accurate;" the signature of the owner, tenant,

contractor, or authorized representative; and the number assigned to the uniform basic permit label. Such signed notice may be submitted in person, electronically, or by facsimile.

(b) Within 14 days of the completion of the project, the alarm user or installer permitting the project under Section 108(a)(2) of this article shall submit the number of the Advance Notice Permit; the date the project was completed; the contractor's name, address, city, state, zip code, and phone number; the contractor's license number; and the scope of work completed by the contractor. The alarm user may also submit the alarm user or owner's phone number and email address at the same time.

**Section 4. Amendment.** Chapter 6, Article V is hereby amended to add the following section which shall read in full:

**Section 6-110.-Alarm User's Permits Not Affected.**

Nothing in this article is intended to alter or eliminate the need for an alarm user's permit as described in article IV, section 6-82 of this chapter.

**Section 5. Amendment.** Chapter 6, Article V is hereby amended to add the following section which shall read in full:

**Section 6-111.-Fees**

The fees for permitting low-voltage alarm systems under this article shall be established by the town commission from time to time and in conformance with the requirements of Section 553.793(4), *Florida Statutes* as it may be amended from time to time.

**Section 6. Severability.** In the event any section, paragraph, sub-paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid, illegal or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

**Section 7. Repeal of Ordinances.** Any ordinance in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict, is hereby repealed.

**Section 8. Codification.** This Ordinance shall be incorporated in and shall be included in the Town's Code of Ordinances.

**Section 8. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

FIRST READING this 6th day of January, 2014.

SECOND AND FINAL READING this 3rd day of March, 2014.

Commissioner Aaskov offered the foregoing Ordinance and its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Allison and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

GEOFFREY A. PUGH, Mayor	<u>Yea</u>
DR. LYNN L. ALLISON, Vice Mayor	<u>Yea</u>
GAIL ADAMS AASKOV, Commissioner	<u>Yea</u>
ED BROOKES, Commissioner	<u>Yea</u>
ZOANNE HENNIGAN, Commissioner	<u>Yea</u>

The Mayor thereupon declared this Ordinance approved and adopted by the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, on second reading, this 3rd day of March, 2014.

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
GEOFFREY A. PUGH, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWN CLERK