

ORDINANCE NO. 0527-21B

**AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING AND REGULATING THE DIRECT CONNECTION OF FIRE
ALARM AND DETECTION SYSTEMS FOR PROPERTIES PROTECTED
BY THE BEECHER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Beecher Fire Protection District is a fire protection district duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the District has express power pursuant to Section 11 of the Fire Protection District Act (the "Act") to adopt and enforce fire prevention codes and standards parallel to national standards to promote fire prevention (70 ILCS 705/11); and

WHEREAS, the Board also has full power pursuant to Section 6 of the Act, to pass all necessary ordinances, and rules and regulations for the proper management and conduct of the business of the Board for carrying into effect the objects for which the District was formed (70 ILCS 705/6); and

WHEREAS, many homes, business establishments and public buildings within the District are equipped with systems, including automatic detection devices and signaling devices that transmit alarms or signals of a fire or medical emergency to the District; and

WHEREAS, Laraway Communications Center provides communication and dispatching services generated as a result of 9-1-1 calls; telephone notifications of fire alarms from remote supervising stations and central supervising stations; dedicated telephone lines and radio/microwave signaling devices; and

WHEREAS, the District, in its effort to provide better protection against fire, has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Laraway Communications Center pursuant to the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220 *et seq.*, for Laraway Communications Center to receive alarm, supervisory and trouble signal for the District and to serve as its designated dispatch center; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that requiring direct connection of fire alarms to Laraway Communications Center is necessary and proper, and in the continuing best interest of the District and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Beecher Fire Protection District, Will County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The Board finds the statements contained in the preamble to this Ordinance to be true and correct, and hereby adopts them as if written here in full.

Section 2. Fire Alarm System Connection. All fire alarm systems in the jurisdiction of the Beecher Fire Protection District installed on July 1, 2021, or after shall be directly connected to Laraway Communications Center which operates a remote supervising station at 16911 W Laraway Road, Joliet, Illinois 60433. All fire alarm systems in the jurisdiction of the District installed prior to July 1, 2021, shall be directly connected to Laraway Communications Center no later than January 1, 2024.

Section 3. Wireless Alarm Network.

Section 3.1. Connection Method. The method of connecting directly to the remote supervising station shall be by the Laraway Communications Center Wireless Alarm Network or other alternate connection means as approved by the Fire Chief. All fire alarm system control panels connected to a Wireless Alarm Network radio transceiver shall be provided with at least one reverse polarity output except that fire alarm control panels monitoring supervisory signals (tamper switches, fire pump conditions, etc.) shall be provided with two reverse polarity outputs. All fire alarm control panels shall be UL listed for remote station signaling of Manual, Automatic, Water flow (where applicable) and Supervisory (where applicable) signals by the reverse polarity method. The fire alarm contractor, or responsible electrical contractor, shall provide a 1900 box directly above and within 3-feet of the fire alarm control panel. The 1900 box shall house the A/C primary power source for the fire alarm control panel. Sufficient additional wire shall be left in the 1900 box to allow for Laraway Communications Center's radio vendor to splice into the fire alarm contractor's A/C conductors to obtain power for the radio.

Section 3.2. Application Process. All connections to the Laraway Communications Center Wireless Alarm Network shall be preceded by an application process. The District shall provide to owners, agents or occupants of buildings within the District requiring or requesting connection to the Laraway Communications Center remote supervising station, forms and contracts which shall be completed and returned to the District prior to the District's approval of the connection of a fire alarm system to the Laraway Communications Center Wireless Alarm Network.

Section 3.3. Fire Alarm System Registration. Each fire alarm system within the District shall be registered. Registration of the fire alarm system is intended to provide the District with information related to the fire alarm system including, but not limited to, its owner, the responsible party, night/after hour call information, fire alarm maintenance contractor, and the results of the annual fire alarm inspection. Each fire alarm system owner shall complete a registration form provided by the District at the time of initial connection to the wireless network, and annually when the fire alarm system is inspected and tested in accordance with NFPA 72.

Section 3.4. Wireless Fire Alarm Equipment. Subscribers to the Wireless Alarm Network shall use equipment prescribed by Laraway Communications Center.

Section 3.5. Wireless Fire Alarm Equipment Installation and Maintenance. The installation and the annual and necessary maintenance, testing, and repair of the radio transceiver at the subscriber's premise will be completed solely by a fire alarm company of Laraway Communications Center's choice. Subscribers to the Laraway Communications Center Wireless Alarm Network will be advised of the vendor's identity. Subscribers shall allow the Laraway Communications Center vendor to have access to the radio transceiver during normal business hours for all required and necessary installation, annual and necessary maintenance, testing, and repair.

Section 4. Maintenance of Fire Alarm Systems. All fire alarm systems shall be subjected to annual and periodic testing in accordance with NFPA 72. The results of all required tests shall be recorded and shall be provided to the District as part of the annual registration renewal. While Laraway Communications Center will repair and maintain its wireless equipment, including the radio transceiver at the subscriber's location, it is the responsibility of the owner of the fire alarm control panel within the premise to provide the required annual and periodic testing.

Section 5. Repealer. All former ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance hereby adopted are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

Section 6. Liability. The Laraway Communications Center shall take every reasonable precaution to assure that alarm signals and prerecorded alarm messages received by the Laraway Communications Center are given appropriate attention and are acted upon with dispatch. Nevertheless, the Laraway Communications Center shall not be liable for any defects in operation of any alarm type of system, for any neglect to respond appropriately upon receipt of an alarm, for the installation and operation of equipment, the transmission of alarm signals and messages. The Laraway Communications Center shall not be liable for interruptions of service due to strikes, riots, floods, fires or acts of God or any cause beyond the control of the Laraway Communications Center. In the event that the Beecher Fire Protection District or Laraway Communications Center finds it necessary to disconnect a defective automatic protection device, then neither the Beecher Fire Protection District nor the Laraway Communications Center shall incur any liability for such action.

The Beecher Fire Protection District assumes no liability for:

1. Any defects in the operation of a System;
2. For failure or neglect to respond appropriately upon receipt of an alarm;
3. For failure or neglect of any person in connection with the installation, operation or maintenance of any System; or
4. The transmission of alarm signals, pre-recorded alarm messages, or the relaying of such signals and messages.

Section 7. Regulations. The Fire Chief or his or her designee is authorized to promulgate regulations to implement this Ordinance.

Section 8. Severability. That should any section, paragraph, sentence or clause of this Ordinance adopted be declared for any reason to be unlawful or invalid, it is the intent of the Board that the remaining provisions of this Ordinance be given full force and impact independent of the any portion or portions that might be found unlawful or invalid.

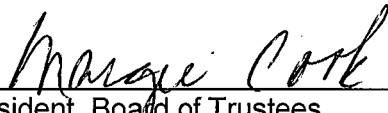
Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in accordance with the law.

ADOPTED this 27 day of MAY 2021, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0



President, Board of Trustees
Beecher Fire Protection District

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Trustees
Beecher Fire Protection District

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF WILL)

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Michael Waterman, the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Beecher Fire Protection District, Will County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance entitled:

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which Ordinance was duly adopted: by said Board of Trustees at a regular meeting held on the 27 day of May, 2021.

I do further certify that a quorum of said Board of Trustees was present at said meeting, and that the Board of Trustees complied with all the requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 27 day of May, 2021.


Secretary, Board of Trustees
Beecher Fire Protection District