AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent, Washington, prohibiting outside audible intrusion alarms on certain classes of buildings; providing for controls over residential audible intrusion alarms; providing for connection at the discretion of the Kent Police Department of commercial and business intrusion alarm systems to the Kent Police Department; prohibiting connection of automatic telephone dialing systems to the Kent Police Department alarm system; providing for charges for false alarms and for disconnection of alarm systems for nonpayment of false alarm charges or for excessive false alarms; providing for written notification of connection to outside audible intrusion alarms; and providing for penalties for violations of the Ordinance.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Ninety (90) days from and after the effective date of this Ordinance, there shall no longer be allowed any outside audible intrusion alarm systems within the City Limits of the City of Kent in conjunction with commercial, business or industrial facilities or buildings.

Section 2. Ninety (90) days from and after the effective date of this Ordinance, any residence building within the City Limits of the City of Kent or any motor vehicle operating within the City Limits of the City of Kent that has an outside audible intrusion alarm system connected thereto shall be equipped with a device that shall limit the duration of any such alarm for a period not to exceed five (5) minutes and such system shall preclude any recycling of said alarm system.

Section 3. It is herewith declared the legislative intent of the Kent City Council in passing this Ordinance, that nothing herein is intended to prohibit or limit the use of outside audible fire alarm systems activated by heat, smoke or fire or by the flowing of water.
Section 4. The Kent Police Department shall have discretion to allow connection of commercial and business intrusion alarm systems into the Kent Police Department, provided however, such systems must be compatible with equipment now or hereafter installed in the Kent Police Department.

Section 5. It shall be a violation of the terms of this Ordinance to connect any automatic telephone dialing systems to the Kent Police Department alarm system.

Section 6. The Kent Police Department is granted the discretion to order a maximum charge of $10.00 for each false alarm received or responded to by the City of Kent Police Department.

Section 7. The Kent Police Department reserves the right to have any intrusion alarm system connected to the Kent Police Department's switchboard removed for non-payment of the false alarm charge, or for receiving an excessive number of false alarms from such system so connected.

Section 8. From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, it shall be the obligation of anyone connecting an outside audible intrusion alarm to any building located within the City Limits of the City of Kent to immediately upon the placing of such alarm system, give written notification thereof to the Police Department of the City of Kent.

Section 9. A violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall result in a fine of up to $100.00 for each separate violation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 10. Should any Section, Sub Section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 11. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication, as provided by law.

ISABEL HOGAN, MAYOR
PASSED the 17 day of February, 1974.

APPROVED the 20 day of February, 1974.

PUBLISHED the 22 day of February, 1974.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 1860, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

(SEAL)

MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK