



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 30, 2013
TO: Village Board
FROM: Chief David Weiss
SUBJ: Recommendations to the Village Board on the Installation of Fire and Life Safety Systems and how they relate to the Westmont Code of Ordinances.

A review of the installation requirements for fire and life safety systems in regards to Code of Ordinances Number 09-75 (June 2009). Please see the attach documents for additional information.

Life Safety Systems in Question:

- Automatic Fire Alarm System
 - Due by June 2013, adopted four years ago.
 - Includes detection devices, notification devices, pull stations, and monitors sprinkler system (if present).
- Wireless Monitoring of All Fire Alarm Systems Directly to Westmont Dispatch Center
 - Due by June 2013, adopted four years ago.
 - All fire alarms are required to be monitored. Wireless monitoring directly to Westmont dispatch is the most efficient and cost-effective method currently available.
- Sprinkler Moratorium - Downtown District
 - Expires June 2013.
 - Automatic sprinkler systems suppress fires before they get large. A majority of fires are controlled with three or less sprinkler heads activating.

RECOMMENDATION:

- Keep Current Fire Alarm Ordinance Intact
 - Compliance by June 2013. The goal is to have 100% of all Westmont businesses, multi-family, or mixed properties protected by fire alarms and/or



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sprinklers.

- Pursue compliance through normal Fire Prevention Bureau protocols.
- Keep Wireless Monitoring Ordinance Intact
 - Compliance by June 2013.
 - Pursue compliance through normal Fire Prevention Bureau protocols.
- Extend Sprinkler Moratorium in Downtown District for An Additional 36 Months
 - Recommendation of extension is only feasible if all properties in Downtown District install compliant fire alarms by June 2013 deadline.
 - Keep exceptions to the moratorium intact and add mixed use provision.