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AGENDA



Thursday, January 11, 2007

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Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No 12

Subject Approve an ordinance amending Sections 4-2-1 and 4-2-21 of the City Code relating to alarm systems

Amount and Source of Funding No additional funding is required

Additional Backup Material

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 **Ordinance**

For More Information Cathy Ellison, Acting Chief of Police/974-5030

This action amends the City Code to conform to recent changes in state law regarding burglar alarms. The ordinance defines "burglar alarm" and "personal emergency response system (panic button) alarm" and provides fee schedules for false alarm notifications. Under the ordinance, burglar alarm system permittees shall be assessed a fee for more than three false alarm notifications within a 12-month period and personal emergency response system permittees shall be assessed a fee for more than two false alarm notifications within a 12-month period.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 4-2-1 AND 4-2-21 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO ALARM SYSTEMS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Section 4-2-1 (*Definitions*) of the City Code is amended to add the following definitions and renumber the remaining definitions accordingly

- (5) BURGLAR ALARM means a device or system that transmits a signal intended to summon police in response to a burglary
- (9) PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM (PANIC BUTTON) ALARM means an alarm system that is installed at the residence of a person, monitored by an alarm systems company, and designed only to permit the person to signal the occurrence of a medical or personal emergency so that the company may dispatch appropriate aid, it is not part of a burglar alarm system or fire alarm system

PART 2. Section 4-2-21 (*False Alarm Notification*) of the City Code is amended to amend Subsections (A) and (B) to read

- (A) If an alarm system transmits more than three ~~six~~ false burglar ~~burglary~~ alarm notifications within a 12-month period, the permittee shall pay a service fee for the fourth ~~seventh~~ and each subsequent false burglar ~~burglary~~ alarm notification

- (1) The service fee for more than three but fewer than six false burglar alarms within the preceding 12-month period is \$50

- (2) The service fee for more than five but fewer than eight false burglar alarms within the preceding 12-month period is \$75

- (3) The service fee for eight or more false burglar alarms within the preceding 12-month period is \$100

- (B) If an alarm system transmits more than ~~that~~ two false personal emergency response system (panic button) ~~robbery~~ alarm notifications ~~notification~~ within a 12-month period, the permittee shall pay a service fee of \$100 for the third and each subsequent false personal emergency response system (panic button) ~~robbery~~ alarm notification

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2006

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2006

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A Gentry
City Clerk