

PROPOSED ORDINANCES: POLICE AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

Amendment & Addition to Municipal Ordinances in City Code

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CURRENT ORDINANCE



ALARM USER PERMIT (8.5.103):

Current annual alarm permitholder fees are:

- \$24.00 for residential permitholders under 65 years old.
- \$12.00 for residential permitholders 65 years old or older.
- \$24.00 for commercial permitholders.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE



City Code	Summary
§ 8.5.103 Alarm User Permit	Amend existing Alarm User Permit ordinance to increase annual permitholder fees to \$50.00 for residential permitholders under 65 years old, \$25.00 for residential permitholders 65 years old or older, and \$75.00 for commercial permitholders. Addresses increase in technology systems and personnel costs related to the administration of the Alarms Program at CSPD.

CURRENT ORDINANCE



ENFORCEMENT OF PROVISIONS FOR FALSE ALARMS (8.5.110):

Current annual false alarm fees – or alarms where police officer is dispatched and there is no evidence of crime – are:

- \$0.00 for the first false alarm.
- \$30.00 for the second false alarm.
- \$75.00 for the third false alarm.
- \$100.00 for the fourth false alarm.
- \$200.00 for the fifth and subsequent false alarms.

False alarm response fees have not been updated since 2008, when:

- A CSPD officer's salary was \$66,980. Today, a CSPD officer's salary is \$102,389.
- A new CSPD patrol vehicle was approximately \$40,000. Today, a new patrol vehicle is approximately \$81,000.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE



City Code	Summary
§ 8.5.110 Enforcement of Provisions for False Alarms	Amend Enforcement of Provisions for False Alarms to increase annual false alarm penalties – or alarms where an officer is dispatched and there is no evidence of crime – to \$50.00 for the first false alarm, \$100.00 for the second false alarm, \$150.00 for the third false alarm, \$200.00 for the fourth false alarm, and \$300.00 for the fifth and subsequent false alarms. Addresses the increased technology, personnel, and vehicle costs associated with responding to false alarms.

REVENUE PROJECTIONS



PROGRAM	CURRENT \$	PROJECTED \$	CHANGE \$
Annual Alarm Permit Fees	\$748,254	\$1,649,270	+ \$901,016
False Alarm Fees	\$83,340	\$447,650	+ \$364,310
TOTAL	\$831,594	\$2,096,920	+ \$1,265,326

WHY ARE THESE CHANGES REQUESTED?



- Law enforcement technology, personnel, and vehicles are significantly more expensive than they were when these fees were last updated.
- The proposed annual alarm permitholder fees are less than \$7.00 per month for commercial permits, \$5.00 per month for residential permitholders under 65 years old, and less than \$2.50 per month for residential permitholders 65 years old or older.
- A police officer's hourly salary is now approximately \$50.00 per hour not including benefits, their police vehicle, and police technology systems.
- Maintaining a reasonable alarm permitting structure that assesses reasonable fees for the administration of the Alarms Program, and a reasonable fee structure that penalizes false alarms that drain police resources, are important administrative functions of government.

IMPLEMENTATION



- If approved by Council, CSPD will provide public notice via media release of the alarm permit fee and false alarms fee changes at least thirty (30) days prior to them taking effect.
- The increased fees can be implemented through existing technology systems used for administration of the Alarms Program.