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ORDINANCE NO. 1366

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON AMENDING SECTIONS 9.20.030 AND 9.20.050 OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE FEES IMPOSED FOR FALSE ALARMS DURING A SPECIFIED 6-MONTH CALENDAR PERIOD AND REQUIRING A SIGNED STATEMENT AUTHORIZING POLICE OFFICERS TO DISCONNECT ANY ALARM WHEN MANDATED BY THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 9.20: CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the Redmond City Council finds that the false alarm fees initially set in 1977 should be increased to more accurately reflect the cost of police response to false alarms; and

WHEREAS, the Redmond City Council finds that the fees should be imposed when the false alarms occur during a specified six month period from January 1 to June 30 or July 1 to December 31 of each year, as opposed to any six month period preceding the false alarm, and

WHEREAS, the Redmond City Council finds that prior written consent to disconnect an alarm when required by Chapter 9.20 should be given to the police department by the owner or occupier of the premises at the time an emergency contact card is obtained, and

WHEREAS, the Redmond City Council finds that this ordinance is in the interests of the public health, safety and welfare, now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 9.20.030 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

9.20.030 Emergency Contact Card. It is unlawful to have or maintain on any premises a burglary and/or robbery alarm unless there is on file with the Redmond Police Department an emergency contact card containing the name or numbers of person(s) authorized to enter such premises and turn off any alarm and a signed statement by the owner or occupier of the premises authorizing police officers to disconnect an alarm when required by this

chapter on forms provided by the Police Department. Any alarm audible upon abutting property for a period in excess of one hour is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and may be summarily abated by the Police Department.

Section 2. Section 9.20.050 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

9.20.050 False Alarm - Fees. For police response to any false alarm, the City of Redmond may charge and collect from the person having or maintaining such burglary and/or robbery alarm on premises, owned or occupied by him, fees as follows:

1. No fee shall be charged for a response to a premises at which no other false alarm has occurred (hereinafter referred to as a "first response"). Upon a first response, notice of conditions and requirements of this chapter shall be given to the owner or occupant of the premises on which the false alarm occurred and upon which the burglary and/or robbery alarm is located.
2. A fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) may be charged for a second response to a premises. The person having or maintaining such burglary and/or robbery alarm shall, within five working days after notice to do so, make a written report to the Chief of Police on prescribed forms setting forth the cause of such false alarm, the corrective action taken, whether and when such alarm has been inspected by authorized service personnel, and such other information as the Chief of Police may reasonably require to determine the cause of such false alarm, any mitigating circumstances and corrective action necessary. The Chief of Police shall be authorized to inspect or cause to be inspected the alarm system at such premises, prescribe necessary corrective action, and shall give notice to the person having or maintaining such alarm system of the conditions and requirements of this section. All costs of inspection and corrective action shall be borne by the individual having or maintaining the alarm on said premises.
3. A fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) may be charged for a third or subsequent response to a premises. If a third or subsequent false alarm occurs as a result of failure to take necessary corrective action prescribed, the Chief of Police may order the person having or maintaining the burglary and/or robbery alarm to disconnect such alarm until the prescribed corrective action is taken and certification of such corrective action

is provided to the Redmond Police Department, provided that no disconnection shall be ordered relative to any premises required by law to have an alarm system in operation.

For the purpose of determining whether a response is a first, second, third, or subsequent response to a false alarm, only those responses which previously occurred in the same six-month period shall be counted. A six-month period shall be from January 1 to June 30 or July 1 to December 31st of that year.

Section 3. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 4. This ordinance, being an administrative action, is not subject to referendum and shall take effect five (5) days after publication of the attached summary which is hereby approved.

DATED this 7th day of April, 1987.

APPROVED:

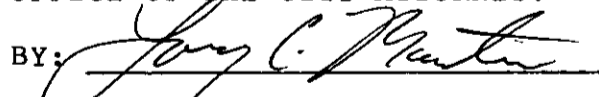
  
MAYOR, DOREEN MARCHIONE

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CITY CLERK, DORIS A. SCHAIBLE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

BY: 

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