

ORIGINAL

CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 800

AN ORDINANCE, relating to burglary and robbery alarms, defining false alarms and offenses connected therewith, prescribing fees and administrative actions, and providing penalties for violation.

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

Section 1. Purpose. It is the intent of this section to reduce the number of false alarms occurring within the City of Redmond and the resultant waste of City resources by providing for corrective administrative action, including fees and potential disconnection and criminal penalties for violations.

Section 2. Definitions.

- (1) "Person" includes any natural person, partnership, joint stock company, unincorporated association or society or a corporation of any character whatsoever.
- (2) "False Alarm" includes the activation of a burglary and/or robbery alarm by other than a forced entry, attempted forced entry, unlawful entry, or actual robbery or attempted robbery on the premises and at the time when no robbery, burglary or crime involving a foreseeable risk of grievous bodily harm is being committed or attempted on the premises.

Section 3. 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. 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 4. False alarm unlawful. It is unlawful for anyone to activate any robbery or burglary alarm for the purpose of summoning police except in the event of an actual or attempted burglary or robbery, or for anyone notifying the police of an activated alarm and having knowledge that such activation was apparently caused by an electrical or other malfunction of the alarm system to fail at the same time to notify the police of such apparent malfunction.

Section 5. Fees, corrective action, disconnection. 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) For a response to premises at which no other false alarm has occurred within the preceding six-month period, hereinafter referred to as a "first response," no fee shall be charged.

Upon 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) For a second response to premises within six months after the first response, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) may be charged. 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) For a third response to premises within six months after such a second response, and for all succeeding responses within six months of the last response, a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) may be charged, and if such third false alarm or any such succeeding 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.

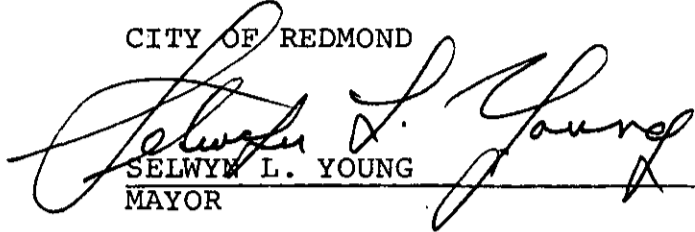
Section 6. Administrative decisions, notice of. Notice of imposition of any administrative decision or sanction, including without limitation the imposition of a fee or order of disconnection, under the provisions of this ordinance shall be given to the person having or maintaining a burglary and/or robbery alarm on premises owned or occupied by him, provided that with respect to business premises, the owner, manager or chief administrative agent regularly assigned and employed on the premises at the time of the occurrence of a false alarm shall be presumed to be the person having or maintaining said alarm on said business premises and to whom notice shall be given. The Chief of Police shall be authorized to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the enforcement of this ordinance.

Section 7. Penalties for violations. Anyone violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as provided in Section 1.01.010 of the Redmond Municipal Code.


Section 8. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after the date of its publication in the manner provided by law.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Redmond, Washington,
at a regular meeting thereof, and APPROVED by the Mayor
this 20th day of December, 1977.

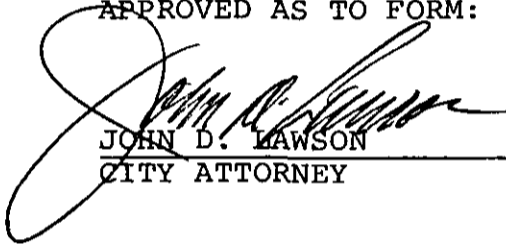
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