

ORDINANCE NO. 1283

CITY OF LACEY

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SERVICE CHARGES LEVIED FOR FALSE ALARMS CAUSING POLICE RESPONSE, AMENDING SECTION 14.11.050 AND ADOPTING A SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Section 14.11.050 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.11.050 Terminations and false alarms.

- A. A false alarm shall mean the activation of said alarm by means other than for which the alarm is intended, including, but not limited to, alarm malfunctions, power failure and employee error. If a question arises as to the validity of an alarm, the final determination will be made by the chief of police or his designate.
- B. The chief of police may order the removal of any proprietary alarm termination from the communications center and/or refuse to allow police response due to repeated failure of equipment or circuitry, multiple false alarms or failure to comply with all the provisions of this chapter. Such notice of discontinuation shall be made in writing to both the agency supplying the alarm and to the person, firm or corporation affected, at least three business days prior to the disconnection of the alarm circuit. In the event of temporary failure of alarm equipment or circuitry, the chief of police may order all emergency response actions discontinued until the necessary repairs are made on the affected equipment.
- C. In instances involving more than ~~two~~ three false alarms causing police response from any one location within any ~~continuous ninety day period~~ calendar year, the following service charges shall be levied ~~by the chief of police~~:
 - ~~Third false alarm within a continuous ninety day period~~ Each subsequent burglary alarm within the calendar year -- \$50.00;
 - ~~Fourth false alarm within a continuous ninety day period~~ —\$75.00;
 - ~~Fifth and each subsequent false alarm within a continuous ninety day period~~ Each subsequent hold-up alarm within the calendar year --\$150.00.provided, however, that if the chief of police determines that a new system has been installed or adequate repairs have been made to an existing alarm system, ~~a new continuous ninety day period shall commence following said new installation or satisfactory repair~~ relief from such service charges may be granted.
- D. The false alarm penalty referred to in subsection 4.11.050(C) will be billed directly by the city to the alarm customer involved in said false alarm. If the city does not receive payment of

the penalty within sixty days from the date of billing, the city may terminate police response to said alarm until the penalty is paid.

- E. Any alarm customer may, within ten days of receiving notice of a service charge for a false alarm, appeal said charge to the city manager if the customer feels that said charge was improperly assessed. A decision by the city manager upon said appeal shall be final.

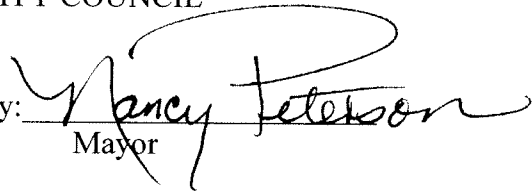
Section 2. The Summary attached hereto is hereby approved for publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY,

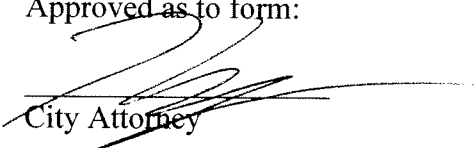
WASHINGTON, at a regularly-called meeting thereof, held this 8TH day of

MARCH, 2007.

CITY COUNCIL

By: 
Mayor

Approved as to form:


City Attorney

Attest:


City Clerk

SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION

ORDINANCE 1283

CITY OF LACEY

The City Council of the City of Lacey, Washington, passed on MARCH 8, 2007, Ordinance No. 1283, entitled "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SERVICE CHARGES LEVIED FOR FALSE ALARMS CAUSING POLICE RESPONSE, AMENDING SECTION 14.11.050 AND ADOPTING A SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION."

The main points of the Ordinance are described as follows:

1. The current Ordinance levied increasing service charges for those false alarms requiring police response exceeding two within a continuous ninety day period.
2. This Ordinance amends the provisions of LMC Section 14.11.050 to allow three false alarms causing police response within each calendar year. Each subsequent burglary alarm within a calendar year will be subject to a service charge of \$50.00 and each subsequent hold-up alarm within a calendar year will be subject to a service charge of \$150.00.
3. The Ordinance adopts this Summary for Publication.

A copy of the full text of this Ordinance will be mailed without charge to any person requesting the same from the City of Lacey.

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