

ORDINANCE NO. 1405

CITY OF LACEY

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THEFT DETECTION, BURGLARY AND HOLDUP ALARM SYSTEMS, AMENDING SECTIONS 14.11.005, 14.11.020, 14.11.040 and 14.11.050 OF THE LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE, REPEALING SECTION 14.11.030 OF SAID CODE AND ADOPTING A SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 14.11.005 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.11.005 Application of chapter provisions. This chapter shall apply only to theft detection, burglary, or holdup alarm systems or equipment designed to be monitored so as to convey to a dispatch center, either electronically or by voice, a message for the purpose of evoking a policy response. None of the provisions of this chapter shall apply to the installation or maintenance of alarms which are not so monitored.

Section 2. Section 14.11.020 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.11.020 Theft detection and holdup alarm systems.

~~A. No person shall sell, install, or maintain theft detection or holdup alarm equipment within the city without first obtaining a permit from the chief of police of the city, or with the chief's approval from any other police agency within Thurston County which has, prior to the issuance of the permit or identification card, conducted a criminal history check of the person.~~

~~B. All theft detection and holdup alarm equipment installed within the city shall receive the approval of the chief of police prior to installation.~~

~~A.~~ Alarm testing shall be the responsibility of the subscriber and/or the alarm company. No alarm verifications will be conducted by the Lacey police department.

~~B.~~ Alarm subscribers shall provide to their alarm company or to central dispatch of Thurston County, a notice of telephone numbers at which persons authorized to enter the premises of the subscriber can be reached at all times so that one of said persons is able to respond the premises within thirty minutes after being notified by the police to do so.

~~C.~~ Alarms shall not be activated to summon police for any purpose other than the purpose for which the alarm exists (e.g. burglar alarms for burglaries; holdup alarms for robberies).

Section 3. Section 14.11.040 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.11.040 Installation standards. All theft detection, burglary, and holdup alarm systems shall be installed in accordance with the ordinances and building codes of the city.

Section 4. 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 no limited to, alarm malfunctions, power failure, and/or employee operator 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-the chief's designateee.

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.~~ discontinuation of police response to future alarms at the address.

C. In instances involving more than three false alarms causing police response from any one location within any calendar year, the following service charges shall be levied:

Each subsequent burglary alarm within the calendar year -- \$50.00;

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, 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 5. Section 14.11.030 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby repealed.


Section 6. 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 19^h day of
November, 2012.

CITY COUNCIL

By: 
Mayor

Approved as to form:


City Attorney

Attest:


City Clerk

SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION

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The City Council of the City of Lacey, Washington, passed on November 15, 2012, Ordinance No. 1405, entitled "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THEFT DETECTION, BURGLARY AND HOLDUP ALARM SYSTEMS, AMENDING SECTIONS 14.11.005, 14.11.020, 14.11.040 and 14.11.050 OF THE LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE, REPEALING SECTION 14.11.030 OF SAID CODE AND ADOPTING A SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION."

The main points of the Ordinance are described as follows:

1. The Ordinance removes the requirement that the Chief of Police issue permits and grant permission for installation of monitoring alarm systems.
2. Due to technological advances, the prohibition of LMC Section 14.11.030 regarding proprietary alarm equipment and combination alarms is repealed.
3. The Ordinance approves 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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