

ORDINANCE

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CITY OF LACEY

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THEFT DETECTION AND HOLDUP ALARM SYSTEMS
ADDING A NEW SECTION TO THE LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE AND AMENDING
SECTIONS 14.11.020, 14.11.030 and 14.11.050 OF SAID CODE.

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

Section 1. There is hereby added to the Lacey Municipal
Code a new section 14.11.005 to read as follows:

"This chapter shall apply only to theft detection 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 police response.
None of the provisions of this chapter shall apply to the instal-
lation 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:

"(a) 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. ~~Application
for-such-a-permit-shall-be-in-writing-and-shall-be-on-forms-prepared
and-furnished-by-the-chief-of-police.~~

~~"(b)~~ B. All theft detection and holdup alarm equipment ~~origin-~~
~~ating~~ installed within the city shall receive the approval of the chief
of police prior to installation. ~~Such-equipment-shall-be-installed~~
~~only-by-approved-agencies-having-personnel-with-written-security~~
~~clearances-from-the-chief-of-police.~~

~~"(c)---All-such-alarm-circuits-external-to-the~~
~~premises-served-shall-be-electrically-supervised-to-indicate-circuit~~
~~or-equipment-failure-at-the-location-where-the-alarm-is-installed.~~

"C. 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.

"D. Alarm subscribers shall provide to their alarm com-
pany or to central dispatch of Thurston County, a notice of telephone
numbers at which persons authorized to enter the premises of the sub-
scriber can be reached at all times so that one of said persons is
able to respond to the premises within 30 minutes after being notified
by the police to do so.

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

Section 3. Section 14.11.030 of the Lacey Municipal Code
is hereby amended to read as follows:

"A. Proprietary alarm equipment designed to alert any
municipal emergency service by providing unattended automatic dial-
ing of any public telephone number of any municipal emergency ser-
vice for the purpose of transmitting a prerecorded message is
prohibited.

"B. Combination alarms designed to alert any municipal emergency service will not be allowed within the city unless there is a distinct separation in the transmittal of any specific alarm activation. For purposes of this section, combination alarms shall include but not be limited to devices combining burglary and fire alarms, devices combining burglary and holdup alarms, and devices combining burglary and trouble alarms.

Section 4. Section 14.11.050 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"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 other-such-terminal-facility 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 ordinance. 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 ~~forty-eight~~ 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 ~~each~~ instances involving more than ~~three~~ two false alarms causing police response from any one location within any

continuous 90-day period, a the following service charges ~~of twenty-five dollars~~ shall be levied by the chief of police: ~~upon the responsible person, firm or corporation. -- Refusal to pay the service charge shall constitute a misdemeanor and be punishable pursuant to Section 14-11-060.~~

Third false alarm within a continuous 90-day period \$50.00;
Fourth false alarm within a continuous 90-day period \$75.00;
Fifth and each subsequent false alarm within a continuous 90-day period \$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 90-day period shall commence following said new installation or satisfactory repair.

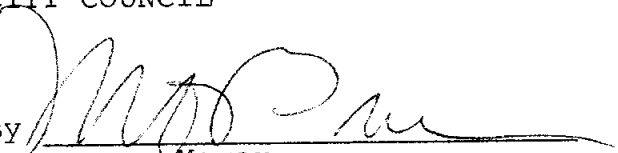
"D. The false alarm penalty referred to in paragraph "C" of this section will be billed directly by the city to the alarm customer involved in said false alarm. If the city does not receive payment of the penalty within 60 days from the date of billing, the city may terminate police response to said alarm until the penalty is paid.

"E. Any alarm customer may, within 10 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.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY,
WASHINGTON, this 14th day of October . 1982.

CITY COUNCIL

By



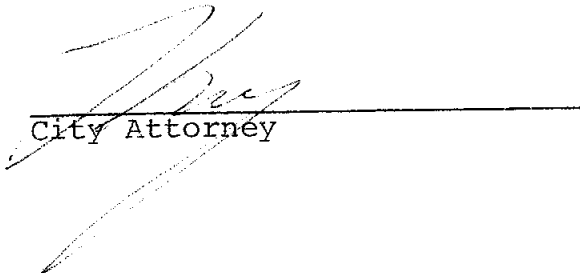
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