

ORDINANCE NO. 1266

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 10, MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND OFFENSES, ARTICLE II, ALARM SYSTEMS, TO ESTABLISH A PERMIT FEE FOR THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF ALARM SYSTEMS AND BY REPEALING FALSE ALARM PENALTIES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS, TEXAS:

That Chapter 10, Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses, of the Code of Ordinances, Article II, is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE II. BURGLARY AND HOLD-UP ALARM SYSTEMS

Sec. 10-31. Alarm System Permits.

No person shall install or use a burglary or hold-up alarm system within the city without having applied for and been issued a valid alarm user permit. The application form for such permits shall be promulgated by the chief of police and the police department shall issue such permits and maintain the records relating thereto. Such permits shall not be transferable. Any false statement of a material matter made by an applicant for the purpose of obtaining an alarm permit shall be sufficient cause for refusal to issue a permit.

Sec. 10-32 Alarm System Permit Fees.

An annual fee of \$35.00 shall be charged for the issuance of an alarm system permit for each residential living unit. An annual fee of \$50.00 shall be charged for the issuance of an alarm system permit for any other entity (plus an additional fee of \$25.00 for each additional location of such entity). There shall be no charge for permits issued to the United States, the State of Texas, the City of Alamo Heights, or any agency thereof.

Sec. 10-33. Denial, Revocation, Suspension or Cancellation of Permits.

The Chief of Police may deny, revoke, suspend or cancel a permit if a permit applicant or holder fails to perform any of the duties imposed in this Article or uses an alarm system which the Chief of Police determines has a history of unreliability. The Chief of Police shall deny a permit to any applicant who has not paid all previous fees and charges for burglary and hold-up systems. Appeals for denials, revocations, suspensions or cancellations shall be to the City Council.

Sec. 10-34. Duties of Permit Holder.

A permit holder shall:

- (1) maintain the premises containing an alarm system in a manner that insures proper operation of the alarm system;

- (2) maintain the alarm system in a manner that will minimize false alarm notifications;
- (3) respond or cause a representative to respond within one and one-half (1 1/2) hours when requested by the city to repair or deactivate a malfunctioning alarm system or to provide access to the premises or to provide security for the premises;
- (4) not manually activate an alarm for any reason other than an occurrence of an event that the alarm system was intended to report;
- (5) notify the Police Department Dispatcher prior to activation of an alarm for maintenance purposes;
- (6) adjust the mechanism or cause the mechanism to be adjusted so that, upon activation, an audible or visible alarm will not transmit another alarm signal without first being reset; and
- (7) adjust the mechanism or cause the mechanism to be adjusted so that an alarm signal will sound for no longer than twenty (20) minutes after being activated.

Sec. 10-35. Enforcement.

Any person violating the provisions of this article shall be, upon conviction thereof, punished as provided in section 1-5 of this Code. The city shall furthermore be entitled to injunctive relief against any violation of sections 10-31 through 10-34, and for any damages that may result to the city or the general public by reason of such violations.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of September, 1991