

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**03-073**

**AGENDA:**

FEBRUARY 10, 2003

**SUBJECT:**

ORDINANCE  
AMENDMENT/  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
PENALTIES FOR  
FALSE FIRE AND  
POLICE ALARMS

**TYPE:**

RESOLUTION  
**ORDINANCE**  
RECEIVE/FILE

**SUBMITTED BY:**

WILLIAM H.  
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CHIEF OF POLICE

**ITEM** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

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**SYNOPSIS —**

This amendment makes a change to the ordinance concerning administrative penalties for false fire and police alarms. It will require that payments for false alarms be made directly to the Finance Department instead of the City Clerk's Office, which is the current practice.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

Approval.

**BACKGROUND —**

The City Clerk's Office and the Fire, Police, and Finance Departments have attempted to simplify the process of collecting for false fire and police alarms. Currently, the ordinance states that payment must be made through the City Clerk's Office. Allowing payment to be made directly to the Finance Department is an improvement that will help streamline our business practices.

