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|  <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p> | Date: July 13, 2015 |
| | Agenda Item No. 41 Roll Call No. [_____] Communication No. <u>15-359</u> Submitted by: John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief |

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving an amendment to the schedule of fees regarding the administrative penalties for false fire alarms under Chapter 38 of the Municipal Code.

SYNOPSIS:

Approving an amendment to the schedule of fees regarding the administrative penalties for false fire alarms under Chapter 38 of the Municipal Code. This amendment occurs in conjunction with a revised notification to the building owner providing potential remedies for correcting the issue causing the false alarm, and increases efficiency of staff resources, by facilitating the automation of the false alarm billing process; thereby, reducing staff hours devoted to the process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Approximately \$15,000 revenue increase annually.

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Operating Budget, G001, FD104113, page105

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Approval of this ordinance amends the current Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau fee structure for false fire alarms. This amendment would increase the first offense false fire alarm fee from \$100 to \$150 and would maintain all subsequent false fire alarm fees at \$150. Presently, staff time is devoted to determining whether each false alarm is a first or subsequent offense to determine the appropriate fee. Amending the fees to be the same regardless of the number of offenses will conserve staff time needed to complete this task. To provide sufficient time to incorporate the new fee structure into the automated billing process, it is proposed that this revised fee structure will be effective beginning on September 1, 2015.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 20, 2007

Roll Call Number: [07-1639](#), [07-1640](#), [07-1641](#), [07-1642](#), and [07-1643](#)

Action: Items regarding fire alarm monitoring:

- (A) Amending Chapter 38 of the Municipal Code regarding discontinuation of monitoring by the fire department. Moved by Coleman that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Kiernan.
- (B) Final consideration of ordinance above, (waiver requested by the Fire Chief), requires 6 votes. Moved by Coleman that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, #14,692. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Kiernan.
- (C) Amending Chapter 38 of the Municipal Code regarding deletion of alarm monitoring services for current users. Moved by Coleman that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Kiernan.
- (D) Final consideration of ordinance above, (waiver requested by the Fire Chief), requires 6 votes. Moved by Coleman that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, #14,693. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Kiernan.
- (E) Amendment to Schedule of Fees to delete alarm monitoring service fees. Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Kiernan.

Date: December 18, 2002

Roll Call Number: 02-3007

Action: Adopting a Schedule of Fees for various City services, for the use of City property and equipment, and for various permits and licenses issued by the City, as follows: Moved by McPherson to adopt. Council Member Vlassis voted NO on Item K; Item "Q" is to be deferred to second meeting in January 2003. (1-27-03). Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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