

ORDINANCE NO. 15,385

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by amending Section 38-81, relating to the definition of a false fire alarm.

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, is hereby amended by amending Section 38-81 relating to the definition of a false fire alarm, as follows:

Sec. 38-81. Definitions.

False alarm means the activation of fire alarm system through technical failure, malfunction, improper installation, construction activity, system servicing or testing, or the negligence of the owner or lessee of an alarm system or of his or her employees or agents. A false alarm under this division does not include alarm system failures caused by water, gas, electrical, telephone or other transmission lines or devices not under control of an alarm user or his or her agent; the willful act of any person other than the alarm user or his or her agent, servant or employee; and does not include failures due to conditions clearly beyond the control of the alarm user or his or her agents, servants or employees. False fire alarm includes alarms which activate a signal to which the fire department responds with equipment and personnel without regard to whether the alarm is connected to any receiving alarm station. False alarm includes the willful use of an alarm system for purposes other than warning or notification of a fire. A false alarm does not include any activation of an alarm which is caused by storms, tornadoes or other violent weather conditions.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

FORM APPROVED:

Ann DiDonato, Assistant City Attorney

T. M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor

Attest:

I, Diane Rauh, City Clerk of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance (Roll Call No. 15-1269), passed by the City Council of said City at a meeting held July 27, 2015 signed by the Mayor on July 27, 2015 and published and provided by law in the Business Record on August 14, 2015. Authorized by Publication Order No. 9205.

Diane Rauh, City Clerk