

Date July 9, 2007

APPROVING DISCONTINUANCE OF ALARM MONITORING SERVICES BY FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Section 46-1(e) of the Municipal Code permits a property owner to make connection to the City of Des Moines Fire Department communications center for fire alarm monitoring of private and public properties for a scheduled fee as established by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, such monitoring services have resulted on a significant workload on the Des Moines Public Safety Communication telecommunications system and staff; and

WHEREAS, the telecommunications equipment required to provide this service is obsolete, problem prone, and in need of replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Fire Code does not require a fire department to provide this service; and

WHEREAS, the scheduled fee for this service does not cover the cost of providing the service; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief recommends that this service be deleted from the Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance (Chapter 46 of the Municipal Code) and that the service be discontinued for current users upon 60 day's notice; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to discontinue this service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Legal Department is directed to prepare an amendment deleting alarm monitoring services provided under Municipal Code Section 46 -1(e).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Department be required to provide all current users of such fire alarm monitoring services with at least 60 day's written notice of such discontinuation.

MOVED BY _____ TO ADOPT.

(Council Communication No. 07-399)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ann DiDonato
Ann DiDonato, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
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MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

City Clerk