

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 561 OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK ORDINANCES REGARDING REGULATION OF ALARM SYSTEMS WITHIN THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK

WHEREAS, the Town of Hollywood Park, has an Ordinance regulating the installation, operation, and registration of commercial and residential alarm systems within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town finds it is necessary to promote the public health and safety of its citizens to require the proper registration and monitoring of all commercial and residential alarm systems within the Town;

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has amended its statutes regarding alarm regulation by municipalities and the Town wishes to bring its ordinances into harmony with state law;

WHEREAS, the Town finds it necessary to adjust the ordinance for the reasonable and foreseeable circumstances encountered by property owners and to properly manage the resources of the Town regarding fire and police responses;

BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

The Town of Hollywood Park Town Council hereby amends Ordinance 561 of the Town of Hollywood Park Ordinances regarding regulation of alarm systems within the Town of Hollywood Park as follows:

Alarm Permit and False alarm penalty.

(a) Definitions:

“Alarm system” shall have the same definition as that provided for in chapter 214 of the Texas Local Government Code.

“Permit” shall have the same definition as that provided for in chapter 214 of the Texas Local Government Code.

- (b) Standards: The Town of Hollywood Park, Texas, may set standards for systems to be permitted and may refuse to permit particular systems which in its discretion have a history of unreliability.

(c) Annual Permit:

An alarm system user that has installed or is going to install an alarm system must obtain a permit to install such alarm system within the Town of Hollywood Park, Texas. The Town of Hollywood Park, Texas, shall charge a one time installation fee for such permit in the amount of ten (\$10.00) dollars for non-commercial and twenty (\$20) for commercial property. It is an offense under this section to fail to obtain an installation permit or to properly display an installation permit when requested to do so by a police officer of the Town of Hollywood Park.

(d) False Alarm Fee:

- 1 After three false alarms in a twelve month period, the fourth and all subsequent false alarms requiring response by a police officer during that same twelve month period shall incur a penalty fee of:
 - a. \$50, if the location has had more than three but fewer than six other false alarms in the preceding twelve month period;
 - b. \$75, if the location has had more than five but fewer than eight other false alarms in the preceding twelve month period; or
 - c. \$100, if the location has had eight or more other false alarms in the preceding twelve month period.
- 2 The Town may not consider a false alarm to have occurred unless a response is made within 30 minutes of the alarm notification and the Town determines from an inspection of the interior or exterior of the premises that the alarm was false.
- 3 An alarm system user shall pay the penalty assessed under this Section within thirty days of receipt of the notice of the assessment of the alarm penalty.

(e) The Police Chief shall keep a record of the date of each false alarm notification emitted from a site of each alarm system user.

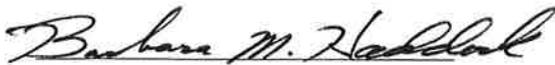
(f) Penalty: Any person violating any of the provisions or terms of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished according to the general penalties described in section 1-15. Each and every day such violation shall continue or exist shall be deemed a separate offense.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this, the 20th day of MAY, 2008.



Mr. Richard McIlveen
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Town of Hollywood Park

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Town of Hollywood Park

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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