



City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting Date:	Item Type:		1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
2/16/2022	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Ordinance Reading	1/19/2022	2/16/2022
		Public Hearing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Advertising Required	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Quasi-Judicial:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
File No.:				
21-562				
Fiscal Impact (\$):	Account Balance (\$):	Funding Source:	Project Number:	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Contract/P.O. Required	RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:	Sponsor Name:	Department:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	N/A	Michel Michel, Interim Police Chief	Police Department	
Strategic Plan Focus Areas:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance & Budget		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organizational Capacity		<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure/Projects
Implementation Timeline:				
Estimated Start Date: 1/19/2022 Estimated End Date: 9/30/2022				

SHORT TITLE:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, REPEALING CHAPTER 7 BUSINESSES, ARTICLE III ALARM SYSTEMS AND ENACTING CHAPTER 7 BUSINESSES ARTICLE III ALARM SYSTEMS AND FALSE ALARMS, ESTABLISHING ALARM REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS, AND PROVIDES FOR PENALTIES, ENFORCEMENT AND AN APPEAL PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF SUMMARY:

Summary:

Staff seeks to amend Article III Section 7-111 to 7-118, Alarm Systems, of the City of Hallandale Beach Code of Ordinances, to institute a False Alarm Program. The False Alarm Program will include online alarm registration, provide up to date billing, and expansion of fines for violations.

Background:

Article III, Section 7-111 to 7-118 was last amended in 2000. As written, the code is vague and does not support the current needs of the City, as it pertains to false alarm cost recovery. Specifically, the code does not align with a program that aims to keep up with registration updates on an ongoing and regular basis, provide for expeditious billing, and supports efficiency. Currently violations are calculated at the end of the year and billed accordingly.

Current Situation:

After reviewing the current Ordinance, it has been determined that the following sections need to be revised to align with the goals of the new False Alarm Program:

1. Definitions
2. Registration of system and decals
3. Report of response
4. Violations
5. Annual alarm registration fees

The goal of this program is to assist residents and businesses with identifying false alarm issues, which when corrected, will minimize the impact on Police and Fire Department response. The program will also provide for up-to-date billing which will assist with cost recovery efforts in a more expedient and efficient manner.

Once the ordinance is revised, staff will present for approval the use of a modernized turnkey solution for management of false alarm registration and billing that seamlessly integrates with the City's records management systems. The new solution will allow for online registration and renewal, and up-to-date violation billing approximately 48-hours following a violation. This immediate notice of violations will allow residents and businesses the opportunity to rectify any issues with their alarm systems in a timely manner.

The use of a modernized alarm system can be implemented within approximately 2 months after approval.

Why Action is Necessary:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5.01 of the City of Hallandale Beach Charter, an Ordinance adopted by the Commission is required to amend or repeal any ordinance previously adopted by the City Commission.

Cost Benefit:

The expansion of false alarm enforcement will assist alarm owners with identifying issues which in turn will lower calls for service to Police and Fire. Minimizing the number of false alarms, makes

officers available for emergency calls for services if the need arises. Additionally, up-to-date billing will allow the City to recover cost throughout the year, rather than once per year.

PROPOSED ACTION:

Staff seeks to amend Article III Section 7-111 to 7-118, Alarm Systems, of the City of Hallandale Beach Code of Ordinances, to institute a False Alarm Program and provide the City Manager authorization to move forward with full implementation.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance

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