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**34-O-03**

**AN ORDINANCE**

**Amending Various Sections of  
Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Evanston City Code  
Regulating False Alarm Systems**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

**SECTION 1:** That Section 9-11-6-1 of the Evanston City Code, 1979, as amended, is further amended by deleting that Section in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following new section:

9-11-6-1: **ALARM USERS:**

Initial permit fee to be .....	\$100.00
After June 30 <sup>th</sup> to be .....	\$ 50.00
Annual renewal fee .....	\$ 30.00

**SECTION 2:** That Section 9-11-8-1 of the Evanston City Code, 1979, as amended, is further amended by deleting that Section in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof, the following new section:

9-11-8: **FALSE ALARM SERVICE CHARGES AND WAIVERS:**

9-11-8-1: **FALSE ALARM SERVICE CHARGES:** When the City’s communication center is notified of a system alarm either by direct tie-in or other means that is determined to be a false alarm, the following service charges shall be assessed to the alarm user:

False Fire-Related Alarms In A Calendar Year

0 to 3.....	\$ 0.00/per alarm
4 to 10.....	\$ 100.00/per alarm
11 to 24.....	\$ 300.00/per alarm
25+.....	\$ 500.00/per alarm

False Police-Related Alarms In A Calendar Year

0 to 3.....	\$ 0.00/per alarm
4 to 10.....	\$ 100.00/per alarm
11 to 24.....	\$ 300.00/per alarm
25+.....	\$ 500.00/per alarm

After the alarm administrator has recorded three (3) fire-related or three (3) police-related alarm occurrences within a calendar year for a given alarm user, the alarm administrator shall notify the alarm user, in writing, by first class mail or hand delivery, that additional alarm occurrences will result in the imposition of service charges in accordance with the above fee schedule. Failure to receive such notification does not waive or nullify any service charges.

Any false alarm after the third occurrence each of a police-related or fire-related false alarm shall be charged at a rate of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per occurrence up to the tenth occurrence.

Any false alarm after the tenth occurrence each of a police-related or fire-related false alarm shall be charged at a rate of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per occurrence up to the twenty-fourth occurrence.

Any false alarm after the twenty-fifth occurrence each of a police-related or fire-related false alarm shall be charged at a rate of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per occurrence.

Such charges will be invoiced periodically as determined by the alarm administrator.

The charges for excessive false alarms shall be paid to the City Collector within sixty (60) days from the date of invoice. In the event the false alarm service charges are not paid within a sixty- (60) day period from the date of invoice, the service charges shall increase by fifty percent (50%) per alarm occurrence invoiced.

**SECTION 3:** That Section 9-11-14 of the Evanston City Code, 1979, as amended, is further amended, by deleting that Section in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following new section:

9-11-14: **PENALTIES:**

(A) In addition to other penalties provided in this Chapter, anyone violating the provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of an offense and upon a finding of

guilt shall be subject to a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

- (B) If the City’s Communication Center is notified of a system alarm by any means, and it is determined that the alarm user has not previously obtained all required City permits, a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) shall be imposed for the first such violation. Subsequent violations will be subject to a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The provisions of Section 9-11-8-1 do not apply to this section.
- (C) It shall be unlawful for any alarm contractor or alarm agent to install any alarm system at any premises, or to connect any alarm system to any answering service or central station by any means without first verifying that the intended alarm user has obtained all required installation and alarm permits. Such verification shall consist of, at a minimum, inspection of the stamped receipt from the Evanston City Collector showing that the permit fees for the particular premises have been obtained. A fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall be imposed against the alarm contractor for each day such a system exists and the necessary permits have not been obtained.

**SECTION 4:** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5:** That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_, 2003

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_, 2003

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2003

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Corporation Counsel