

THE CITY OF CRANSTON

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 8, CHAPTER 40 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED "SECURITY ALARM SYSTEMS" (Police False Alarm Notification)**

*No.*

*Passed:*

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*Anthony J. Lupino, Council President*

*Approved:*

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*Allan W. Fung, Mayor*

*It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Cranston as follows:*

**Section 1.** Title 8 Chapter 40, Section 060 entitled "False Alarm Assessment Schedule" is hereby amended by adding the following:

8.40.060 Police False alarm Assessment Schedule. After the chief of police or Police Records Clerk has recorded three separate false alarms from a security alarm system of one user within any twelve (12) month period, then the alarm user will be notified by the chief of police or Records Clerk, by [certified] mail of such facts and require the alarm user to submit within ten (10) working days of receipt of such notice, a report describing the alarm user's efforts to discover and eliminate the cause or causes of the false alarms. This notice shall further contain the dates and times of each alleged false alarm. After two false alarms in any twelve (12) month period the alarm system shall be inspected and certified by a licensed alarm business.

If the chief of police is satisfied based on the report submitted by the user, that the action taken will substantially reduce the likelihood of further false alarms, the chief of police will notify the alarm user in writing that no assessment will be made at that time. However, the alarm user will be subject to assessment proceedings on the next false alarm signal transmitted.

In the event that the chief of police determines that a report submitted in accordance with the preceding paragraph is unsatisfactory or that the alarm user has failed to show by the report that responsible steps have been taken to eliminate or reduce false alarms, then the chief of police will inform the alarm user by [certified] mail that subsequent false alarms will cause the alarm user to be assessed penalties as follows:

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47 TABLE INSET:

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<del>4th</del> 3 <sup>rd</sup> false alarm in any twelve month period	\$75.00
<del>5th</del> 4 <sup>th</sup> false alarm in any twelve month period	\$100.00
<del>6th</del> 5 <sup>th</sup> and any subsequent false alarms in any twelve month period	\$200.00

49 The city shall not charge any fee for responding to or answering any security alarm.

50 No assessment will be charge for a actual positive alarm.

51 The provisions of this section shall not apply to security alarm systems owned and/or  
52 operated by agencies of the city, state of Rhode Island or the United States of America.53 **Section 3:** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final adoption.

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56 Positive Endorsement

Negative Endorsement (attach reasons)

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Christopher Rawson, Solicitor Date\_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Christopher Rawson, Solicitor

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62 Sponsored by: Councilman Pelletier

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64 Referred to Finance Committee October 13, 2011