



# Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL DATE: July 28, 2003

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

REGARDING: ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF FEES FOR FALSE ALARMS

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING CHAPTER 5.24 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF A FEE FOR FALSE ALARMS

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE: The purpose of the Ordinance is to amend the way fees for false alarms are assessed. The amendment would allow the imposition of a fee upon the occurrence of the second and any subsequent false alarms. Currently, fees are assessed upon the fourth and subsequent occurrence of a false alarm. The amendment would allow the Police Department to recover costs for services related to false alarm responses, as well encourage the prevention of false alarms

REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED: Currently fees for false alarms are regulated by ordinance. An ordinance is therefore needed to amend these regulations. At its June 30, 2003, City Council meeting, the Council directed preparation of an ordinance to amend the basis for assessing fees for false alarms.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENT OR GROUPS AFFECTED: The Police Department and Finance Department will be responsible for enforcing the regulations and collecting the fees.

ENVIRONMENTAL: This ordinance is categorically exempt from CEQA under Guideline 15308.

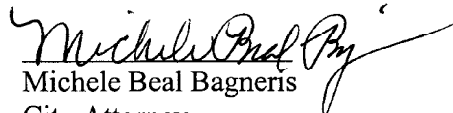
FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Approval of the ordinance amendment will result in an increase to the General Fund in an amount estimated to be \$126,524.

MEETING OF 7/28/2003

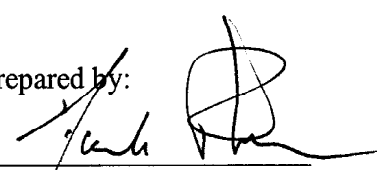
AGENDA ITEM NO. 9.A.1.

POLICY CHANGES: This ordinance creates a new policy regarding the collection of fees for false alarms by charging the fee beginning with the second false alarm instead of the fourth false alarm.

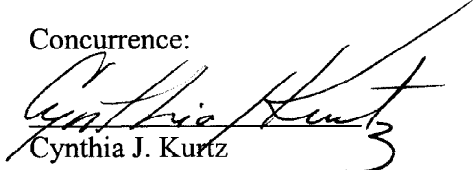
Respectfully submitted,

  
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Concurrence:

  
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City Manager

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING  
CHAPTER 5.24 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE  
RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF A FEE FOR FALSE ALARMS**

**WHEREAS**, police response to false burglar alarms increases costs to and impacts the efficiency of the police department; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Pasadena desires to prevent such false alarms and provide the ability to recoup the cost of responding to false alarms.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the people of the City of Pasadena ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 5.24.130 subsection A of Chapter 5.24 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. The director of finance, upon the occurrence of the second and any subsequent false alarm during any 12 month period, shall assess a fee on the permittee as adopted from time to time by resolution of the city council of the city.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of thirty days from its publication.

Signed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2003.

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Bill Bogaard  
Mayor of the City of Pasadena

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Pasadena at its regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2003, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

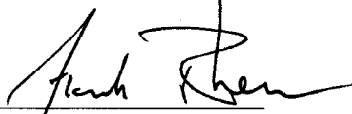
ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Published:

Jane L. Rodriguez, CMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM



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Assistant City Attorney