

# Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: November 21, 2022

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE AMENDING PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 5.24 TO ENHANCE THE CITY'S ABILITY TO PERMIT AND REGULATE ALARM SYSTEMS AND RELATED FALSE ALARM ACTIVATIONS

## TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 5 (ALARM SYSTEMS), CHAPTER 5.24 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ENHANCE THE CITY'S ABILITY TO PERMIT AND REGULATE ALARM SYSTEMS AND RELATED FALSE ALARM ACTIVATIONS

## PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

As directed by the City Council on October 3, 2022, this ordinance enhances the City's ability to permit and regulate alarm systems and related false alarm activations.

## REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

Chapter 5.24 of the Pasadena Municipal Code (Alarm Systems) was last updated in 1989, and alarm system technology has changed since then. The proposed ordinance includes the following changes:

- a. Revising definitions to reflect current and modern practices;
- b. Shifting responsibility to alarm company (in lieu of residents) to obtain a permit for professionally installed and monitored alarm systems;
- c. Adding language to cover self-installed and monitored alarm systems; and
- d. Transitioning from four-year permits to annual permits.

## PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

The Finance Department will implement this ordinance.

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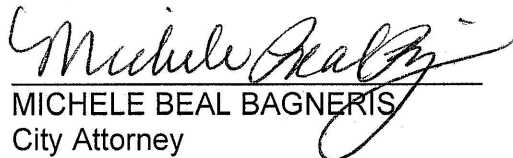
### **FISCAL IMPACT**

As a result of the proposed ordinance, it is anticipated that the City's alarm permit revenue will increase on an annual basis and penalties related to false alarms without a permit will decrease. Overall, the net financial impact to the General Fund is expected to be positive.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

On October 3, 2022, the Council found that this ordinance is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.


Respectfully submitted,

  
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