



City Council Agenda Memo

Crest Hill, IL

Meeting Date:	July 5, 2022
Submitter:	Lisa Banovetz, Director of Finance Jim Marino, City Administrator
Department:	Treasurer's Office
Agenda Item:	Approval of Alarm Fee Increases

Summary: The City is looking for Council's approval to implement the Alarm Fee increases as presented at the June 27, 2022, workshop. Below is the summary of what was discussed at the meeting.

During the Fiscal Year 2022~2023 budget work sessions, revenue fee increases were discussed along with the implementation of new sources of revenue through the imposition of new taxes.

The City's recommendation is to approve the two Alarm Fee increases below:

- Alarm Registration Fee
 - Currently alarm registration fees are \$50 for a new alarm registration and then an annual alarm renewal fee of \$20. The City's recommendation is to increase the new alarm registration fee to \$100 for a new alarm registration and then an annual alarm renewal fee of \$100. There are currently three hundred and thirty-four (334) alarm registrations. The increase for the current registrations would be an annual increase of \$26,720.
- False Alarm Fee
 - Currently, the city charges \$0 for the first false alarm, \$10 for the second false alarm and \$25 for subsequent false alarms. False alarm fees reset quarterly for every alarm that is registered. The city is recommending that the following fee structure is approved for false alarm occurrences: \$0 for the first false alarm, \$50 for the second false alarm and \$100 for subsequent false alarms. The fee would reset annually on January 1. The new structure would allow alarm registrants one false alarm occurrence each year.

This fee increase will help cover the cost for officers that respond to false alarms. This is a user-based fee that impacts only the individuals using the service. The fee is also discretionary in that the property owner can take appropriate steps to reduce the number of false alarms. The increased fee may motivate property owners to take such steps. A reduction in the number of false alarms our officers respond to will result in more time for officers keep the community safe through patrolling.

Recommended Council Action: Approval of the Alarm fee increases as discussed at the June 27, 2022, workshop.

Financial Impact:

Funding Source: N/A

Budgeted Amount: For Fiscal Year 2022~2023, the city budgeted revenue \$51,000 for Alarm Fees.

Cost:

Attachments: Ordinance