



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 2/17/2025

MEETING TYPE: CITY COUNCIL

SUBMITTED BY: S. HICKSON

AGENDA CAPTION: Discuss and consider Ordinance 2025-02-1204 OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 5 TITLED "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION" BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 5.05 TITLED "FIRE ALARM PERMITS"; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Presented by Stacey Hickson, Fire Chief

Background Information:

Requesting to adopt the amendment to the Fire Alarm Permits to allow us to initiate fines for multiple false alarm offenders. We have 30 businesses currently that have had a minimum of 1 false alarm and 10 of those have had 3 or more. One business this past year has had 14 false alarms. This ties up our fire personnel unnecessarily.

Budget Implications

Would be revenue to the budget with fines.

Operational Impact

Hope to cut down on false alarms.

Legal Review

Yes

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of amendment.

Supporting Documentation and Attachments

Attached