



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 09/16/2025

ITEM NO: 10

DATE: September 16, 2025
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Gabrielle Whelan, Town Attorney
SUBJECT: **Adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, "Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations," Article V, "Police Alarms," of the Town Code to Require Alarm Permits for Residences and Render Residential False Alarms Subject to Penalties**
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos Amending Article V, "Police Alarms," of Chapter 14, "Licenses And Miscellaneous Business Regulations," of the Town Code

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, "Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations," Article V, "Police Alarms," of the Town Code to Require Alarm Permits for Residences and Render Residential False Alarms Subject to Penalties.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The ordinance is expected to reduce avoidable public safety expenditures and generate revenue to offset the cost of responding to excessive false alarms. Staff time will be required for initial program setup and administration, which may be recovered through permit fees.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

Develop structure to ensure accountability of how funding resources move forward the Town's core goals and priorities.

DISCUSSION:

At the regular meeting of September 2, 2025, the Town Council held a public hearing to consider the introduction of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, "Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations," Article V, "Police Alarms," of the Town Code to require Alarm Permits for

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residences and render residential false alarms subject to penalties. The Town Council voted unanimously to approve the introduction of the ordinance, with the following language added to the end of Section 14.50.095: “judicial or administrative proceeding,” as well as a revised effective date of January 1, 2026.

This ordinance (Attachment 1) is returning to the Town Council for final adoption. The Ordinance will take effect January 1, 2026, which will allow time for the Police Department to conduct public outreach.

COORDINATION:

This report was in coordination with the Los Gatos Monte Sereno Police Department and the Town Attorney’s office.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

Attachments:

1. Draft False Alarm Permit Ordinance