



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 25-36 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title II (“Public Health, Safety and Welfare”), Chapter 207 (“False Alarms”), by Repealing Section 207.070 (“Permit And Application Therefor”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.

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Issue Statement

To repeal 207.070 from the Municipal Code as alarm permits have not been issued for several years.

Discussion and/or Analysis

Alarm permits have not been issued in over 7 years. This is in part due to the number of alarm systems and ease of installation making it difficult to track and enforce registration. Many systems can be installed by the homeowner without a company’s involvement. These systems are also equipped with automatic alerts and verification methods to reduce false alarms.

In the event that false alarms do become an issue, the Police Department retains the ability to issue citations under Section 207.020 with the following criteria:

1. First (1st) response (none in last twelve (12) months): verbal warning.
2. Second (2nd) response (within twelve (12) months): verbal warning.
3. Third (3rd) response (within twelve (12) months): written warning.
4. Fourth (4th) or subsequent response (within twelve (12) months): Municipal Court citation for permitting more than three (3) false alarms within a twelve (12) month period.

No warnings or citations shall be issued in connection with any response to a valid alarm.

Anyone convicted under the provisions of this Section with having permitted at least four (4) Police/Fire responses to false alarms within any twelve (12) month period shall, in addition to being subjected to any fines or other punishment imposed in any Municipal Court proceeding, cause such alarm or alarm system to be disconnected and it shall be unlawful to reconnect or fail to disconnect, such alarm or alarm system until and unless corrective action has been taken and reconnection of the alarm or alarm system is authorized by the Police Chief or Fire Chief of the City. No disconnection or deactivation shall be ordered or made as to any premises required by law to have an alarm or alarm system in operation.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval.