



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Regulatory Services – Division of Licensing

Date: November 27, 2006

To: Council Member Samuels, Chair
Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances 176.10, amending the definitions of Alarm Company, Enhanced Alarm Verification Process, False Alarm and adding a definition of Valid Alarm.

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances 176.20, requiring the alarm user to maintain an alarm registration with an annual registration fee of \$15.00 for residential alarm users and \$40.00 for commercial alarm users.

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances 176.20, deleting subsection 6 concerning information to be provided to the Director upon the occurrence of the system's third false alarm and adding a subsection requiring the alarm user to contact the Minneapolis Police Department and request a police report within 5 days of an alarm activation caused by an actual burglary.

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances 176.30, requiring the alarm business to complete an enhanced alarm verification process.

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances 176.30, deleting subsection 4 concerning maintenance of records by Alarm Businesses.

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances 176.40, amending the title to read False alarms; Penalties- Alarm User and adding subsection (c) requiring all false alarm fines to be due within 30 days of the date of the invoice.

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances 176.50, reducing the period, from 90 to 45 days, an alarm user can be overdue in the payment of alarm penalties before notice of suspension of police response is sent and changing the period of suspension of police response from the remainder of the calendar year to continuing the suspension of police response until full payment of alarm fines are paid.

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances 176.50, making the suspension of police response effective immediately upon notice of the occurrence of the 5th false alarm within a calendar year or where an alarm user is more than 45 days overdue in their payment of false alarm penalties.

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances 176.50, eliminating subsection (b) written appeal of suspension notice and subsection (c) appeal of director's decision.

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances 176.60, deleting the section titled Nuisance.

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances 176.60, amending the title of the section from Nuisance to Appeal and setting forth the procedures an alarm user or alarm business must follow to appeal a false alarm, penalties and suspension of police response.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the proposed ordinance.

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Presenter in Committee: Council Member Ostrow

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves

Other financial impact (Explain):

Resources to support the activities for the implementation of the ordinance amendment are included in the 2007 budget. Hiring for additional FTEs is contingent to the approval of this ordinance amendment.

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact:

Neighborhood Notification:	N/A
City Goals:	N/A
Comprehensive Plan:	N/A
Zoning Code:	N/A
Other:	N/A

Background/Supporting Information: