CITY OF TIGARD, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 03-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TIGARD, OREGON, AMENDING CHAPTER 11.08 OF THE TIGARD MUNICIPAL CODE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF FALSE REPORTS ALLOWED FROM BURGLARY OR ROBBERY ALARMS WITHOUT CORRECTIVE ACTION AND PENALTY.

WHEREAS, false reports from alarm systems cause the unnecessary use of valuable police officer time; and

WHEREAS, the Tigard City Police Department has requested code amendments intended to reduce false alarms and reimburse the City for its response costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF TIGARD ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Tigard Municipal Code Chapter 11.08.020.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7. "Dispatch center" is the county facility used to receive emergency and general information from the public.

SECTION 2: Tigard Municipal Code Chapter 11.08.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11.08.030 Alarm User Permits Required

Every alarm user shall obtain an alarm user permit for each system from the Alarm Coordinator from the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter or prior to use of an alarm system. Users of systems having both robbery and burglary alarm capabilities shall obtain separate permits for each function. Application for a burglary, robbery, or combination burglary-robbery alarm user's permit and a fee shall be filed with the Alarm Coordinator each year. The fee shall be set by resoluttion of the City Council. Each permit shall bear the signature of the Chief of Police, and be for a one-year period. The permit shall be kept physically upon the premises using the alarm system, and shall be available for inspection by the Chief of Police or his representative.

SECTION 3: Tigard Municipal Code Chapter 11.08.123.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. If any alarm system produces two false alarms in any permit year, the Chief of Police shall provide by certified mail written notice of the fact asking the alarm user to take corrective action in regard to false alarms and informing the alarm user of the false alarm fee schedule. The fees shall be set by resolution of the City Council.

SECTION 4: Tigard Municipal Code Chapter 11.08.123.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3. Upon any alarm system producing the third false alarm in a permit year, a fee per false alarm shall be charged to the alarm user. Subsequent false alarms shall be assessed an increasing fee that shall be set by resolution of the City Council.

All fees assessed must be paid to the City Finance Division or a written appeal must be submitted to the Chief of Police within ten working days of fee assessment.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall be effective 30 days after its passage by the Council, signature by the Council President, and posting by the City Recorder.

PASSED: By unanimous vote of all Council members present after being read by number and title only, this 16th day of December, 2003.

Greer A. Gaston

~~Catherine Wheatley, City Recorder~~

Greer A. Gaston, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVED: By Tigard City Council this 16th day of December, 2003.

Craig Dirksen, Council President

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

12.29.03

Date