

## ORDINANCE NO. 1253

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 9.12 OF THE LAKE FOREST PARK MUNICIPAL CODE, BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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**WHEREAS**, chapter 9.12, Burglar Alarm Systems, was adopted by Ordinance 252 in 1979, and prohibits the activation of any burglary and/or robbery alarm system except in the event of actual or attempted burglary or robbery; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has consolidated fees it charges into one schedule adopted by City Council resolution each year, which makes for easier annual review and ease of reference for users; and

**WHEREAS**, section 9.12.060 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code currently imposes specific fines for the first and second and all succeeding responses to false alarms at a premises; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendment would authorize changes to these fines to be made by resolution adopted by the City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. AMENDMENT. The City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park hereby amends section 9.12.060 LFPMC, Fine for police response, as follows:

#### **9.12.060 Fine for police response.**

For a police response to any false alarm, the city shall charge and collect from the person having or maintaining such burglary and/or robbery alarm system on premises owned or occupied by them him, ~~the following fines as established by city council resolution.~~ The city shall charge and collect separate fines for:

- A. ~~For a~~ A response to premises at which no other false alarm has occurred within the preceding six-month period, hereinafter referred to as a "first response," ~~a fine of \$25.00 shall be charged.~~

- B. For a A second response to premises within six months after a first response and for all succeeding responses within six months of the last response, ~~a fine of \$50.00 shall be charged.~~

Section 2. SEVERABILITY. Should any portion of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication.

**APPROVED BY A MAJORITY** the Lake Forest Park City Council this 27th day of October, 2022.


APPROVED:

  
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Jeff Johnson  
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
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Matthew McLean  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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City Attorney

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