

ORDINANCE NO.:5238

AN ORDINANCE to repeal and recreate sec. 14-64 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding false burglar or robbery alarm systems.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Section 14-64 is hereby repealed and created to read as follows:

Sec. 14-64. - False burglar or robbery alarm system fees.

Purpose. The primary purpose of this section is to reduce the incidence of false alarms by eliminating those that are preventable or avoidable. It is also meant to encourage the installation of reliable alarm systems in structures within the City of La Crosse to provide additional protection to persons and property.

(a) False burglar or robbery alarms prohibited.

- (1) No person shall maintain a burglar or robbery alarm system that produces a false alarm to which Police Department personnel are expected to respond.
- (2) No person shall activate a burglar or robbery alarm system for the purpose of summoning the Police Department except if such person knows or suspects that there is an actual burglar or robbery or related emergency on the premises.
- (3) Any alarm user who has any false alarms within a 12-consecutive-month period from July 1 through June 30 at a single alarm site will be assessed user fees in the amount established by resolution.

(b) The Police Department will document the Calls For Service of each instance where the Police Department has recorded a false alarm. The alarm user shall have the opportunity within fifteen (15) days from the date of invoicing to submit a report to the Police Chief for the purpose of showing cause as to whether circumstances exist to warrant voiding the false alarm recordation. The Police Chief or that person's designee, shall review the alarm user's report and issue a written finding to the alarm user as to whether or not the false alarm recordation will be voided. The finding of the Police Chief shall be final. Chapter 68 of the Wisconsin Statutes shall not apply.

(c) All user fees are due and payable to the City of La Crosse upon notice to the alarm user. If the alarm user has submitted a report in accordance with subsection (b) of this section and the Police Chief finds no cause for voiding the false alarm, the user fees are due and payable to the City of La Crosse within seven (7) days from the date of the Police Chief's written findings on the false alarm.

SECTION II: Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this division shall not be affected.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

_____/s/_____
Mitch Reynolds, Mayor

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Nikki M. Elsen, City Clerk

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