

ORDINANCE NO. 3095

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain subsection (e), Section 4-4-1, Chapter 4, Title 4 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended; which Title 4 relates to PUBLIC SAFETY, which Chapter 4 relates to SECURITY ALARM SYSTEMS, which Section 4-4-1 relates to DEFINITIONS and which subsection (e) relates to FALSE ALARM.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsection (e), Section 4-4-1, Chapter 4, Title 4 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

(e) **False alarm.** Any security alarm signal communicated directly or indirectly to the Alexandria Public Safety Department which is not in response to actual or threatened criminal activity requiring immediate police response. False alarms include negligently or accidentally activated signals; signals which are the result of faulty, malfunctioning or improperly installed or maintained equipment; signals which are purposely activated to summon the police in situations where there is no actual or threatened criminal activity. False alarms shall not include signals activated by unusually severe weather conditions or other causes which are identified and determined by the director of public safety to be beyond the control of the user. But any auditory signal, however activated, that is allowed to sound for an uninterrupted period of one half (1/2) of an hour or more shall constitute a false alarm and each half hour thereafter such signal continues uninterrupted shall count as a separate false alarm, and these false alarms shall be subject to the provisions of section 4-4-5 of this code.

Section 2. That the title of and an informal memorandum explaining this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the city not later than five days following its introduction together with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing. The city clerk shall have the full text of this ordinance printed in sufficient numbers to supply copies to meet request. The city clerk shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the date of publication, the date of the public hearing, and the date of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting. This ordinance shall become effective the date of its final passage.

JAMES P. MORAN, JR.
Mayor

Final Passage: November 16, 1985