

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 11, 2018

General Ordinance No. 11, 2018, is an ordinance that deletes Chapter 104 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove concerning false alarms.

WHEREAS, our dispatch center once monitored certain fire alarm systems; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 104 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove partially spells out our regulations concerning alarms which were once monitored by the City of Beech Grove; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 98 of the Code of Ordinances concerning public nuisances now deals with false alarms or multiple responses made by the Fire and Police Departments.

WHEREAS, Chapter 104 of the Code of Ordinances is no longer applicable and is recommended to be deleted in its entirety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT AFFIRMED that the Common Council desires to delete Chapter 104 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove concerning false alarms.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER AFFIRMED that the Common Council desires the following action be taken.

DELETE CHAPTER 104: FALSE ALARMS IN ITS ENTIRETY WITHOUT SUBSTITUTION.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT AFFIRMED that the Common Council desires to delete Chapter 104 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER AFFIRMED that this ordinance only applies to Chapter 104 of the Code of Ordinances and no other ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER AFFIRMED that this ordinance shall go into effect immediately after passage by the Common Council, signed by the Council President Pro-Tem, attested by the Clerk Treasurer and signed by the Mayor.

CHAPTER 104: FALSE ALARMS

Section

- 104.01 False alarms; unlawful
- 104.02 Warning
- 104.03 Automatic reset system
- 104.04 Pre-coded message or coded signal
- 104.05 Emergency alarm systems

- 104.99 Penalty

§ 104.01 FALSE ALARMS; UNLAWFUL.

(A) It shall be unlawful for a person who owns or controls property in the city in which an alarm system is monitored by the fire or police departments to issue, cause to be issued or permit the issuance of more than three false alarms in a calendar month. Provided, however, a calculation of the number of false alarms under this chapter shall not include any false alarm issued within 30 days after the date the alarm system is first monitored.

(B) A person, or other entity, which owns or controls property on which an alarm system is monitored by the police or fire departments of the city shall be subject to the requirements, procedures and penalties of this chapter.

(Ord. 2-2003, passed 6-2-03) Penalty, see § 104.99

§ 104.02 WARNING.

A person, or other entity, shall receive a written warning from the responding law enforcement or fire fighting agency after two false alarms are received from alarm systems located on property occupied by, leased, rented, owned or controlled by such person or entity.

(Ord. 2-2003, passed 6-2-03)

§ 104.03 AUTOMATIC RESET SYSTEM.

It shall be unlawful for an alarm system located in the city not to have an automatic reset system which silences the externally sounding alarm within 15 minutes after activation.

(Ord. 2-2003, passed 6-2-03) Penalty, see § 104.99

§ 104.04 PRE-CODED MESSAGE OR CODED SIGNAL.

It shall be unlawful to sell, install, use, or permit the use of any device connected to an alarm system located in the city which automatically sends a pre-coded message or coded signal to a fire or law enforcement agency indicating the activation of the alarm system.

(Ord. 2-2003, passed 6-2-03) Penalty, see § 104.99

§ 104.05 EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEMS.

Emergency alarm systems covered by this chapter shall include but not be limited to the following: fire, holdup, burglary, panic, break in, vehicle, motion detector and any similar alarms.

(Ord. 2-2003, passed 6-2-03)

§ 104.99 PENALTY.

(A) For subsequent false alarms received by such police and fire agencies from property occupied by, leased, rented, owned or controlled by such person, or other entity, in the same calendar month as the above written warnings are issued, the following penalties shall be imposed and paid by such person, or other entity:

- (1) For a third response to a false alarm in the same calendar month the penalty shall be \$50.
- (2) For a fourth response to a false alarm in the same calendar month the penalty shall be \$75.
- (3) All additional responses to false alarms in the same calendar month shall be \$100.

(B) The penalty for a violation of this chapter shall be as set out above in division (A) and for violations of §§ 104.03 and 104.04 shall be \$100 for each separate violation.

(Ord. 2-2003, passed 6-2-2003)