



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Text

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Ordinance renaming Chapter 93, Section 93.07 from False Alarms to Alarm Responses and adjusting its associated fees.

- The Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), in coordination with the Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) Department, completed a review of the cost for certain services provided by the LCSO.
- The LCSO recommends that the current name "False Alarms" be changed to "Alarm Responses" since the actual service being provided is alarm response.
- The fee study analysis identified that behavior modification in preventing the need for an alarm response is necessary and, as a result it is recommended that enhanced educational information be provided with an increase in fees to \$50 for the third through fifth alarm responses, and \$100 for each alarm response thereafter in a 12-month period.
- Based on a fee comparison completed by LCSO, the recommended fees are essentially in line with what Lake County municipalities and neighboring counties are charging.
- The recommended name change and fee increase will become effective December 1, 2017.

### ORDINANCE

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office has been providing alarm responses to businesses, property owners and non-for-profit agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the last time the alarm response fees were analyzed and fee raised was in March 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, a fee study analysis was performed by the Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with Finance and Administrative Services Department, and identified the need for behavioral modification; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the findings, the fees associated with providing said delivery of an alarm response a recommended fee increase based on the number of alarm responses required, and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the County Board to formally amend the ordinance adopt the section name change and fee increases as stated below.

#### **93.07 ALARM RESPONSES.**

(A) Two alarm responses shall be without charge in any 12-month period. A service charge of \$50 shall be billed to the company reporting the third through fifth alarm responses, and shall be billed \$100 for the sixth alarm response and thereafter in any 12-month period, as provided in § 93.09(B).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the recommended that name change for Chapter 93, Section 93.07 be amended to read: Alarm Responses and that the fees stated in Chapter 93, Section 93.07 (A) be increased to \$50 for the third

through fifth responses; and \$100 for each alarm response after that. These changes become effective December 1, 2017.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Lake County Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Lake County Sheriff.

**DATED**, at Waukegan, Illinois, on November 14, 2017.