



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.