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NEW FALSE ALARM ORDINANCE

Earlier this year, the City of Tucson Mayor and City Council approved a new alarm ordinance that requires all alarm users within the city limits of Tucson to register their alarms with the Tucson Police Department. This ordinance goes into effect on April 1, 2012. There is an annual \$20 registration fee, which will remain valid for 365 days from date of payment. The \$20 is a cost recovery measure for the police department. In addition to the annual registration fee, fees for false alarms have been significantly reduced, and violations of the alarm ordinance will no longer be cited into City Court. Instead, an assessment invoice will be sent to the alarm user. Alarm users have the option to “opt out” of registering, but to do so will be to forego police response on any burglary alarm and will result in a higher false alarm fee should police officers respond to their false alarm. Alarm users can register their alarms on-line at www.tucsonaz.gov/police and click on “Alarm Information.” Currently, on-line payment options are not available but payment can be made in person at any of the following locations:

- Westside Police Service Center at 1310 West Miracle Mile (520) 791- 4440; Impound Lobby (for payments) / Primary Alarm Office location
- City Hall at 255 West Alameda Street (520) 791-4583
- County/City Public Works at 201 North Stone (Development Services Center Building) (520) 791-5550
- Eastside City Hall at 7575 East Speedway (520) 791-4652 ****Closed Noon to 1 p.m.****
- Patrick K. Hardesty Midtown Multi-Service Center at 1100 South Alvernon (520) 791-5779 ****Closed Noon to 1 p.m.****
- General Services Department Price Service Center at 4004 South Park Avenue #1 (520) 791-4226 ****Closed Noon to 1 p.m.****
- Water Department at 310 West Alameda Street (520) 791-2622

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For accommodations; materials in accessible formats; foreign language interpreters; and/or materials in a language other than English, please contact the Tucson Police Department Public Information Office at (520) 791-4852 or (520) 791-2639 for TDD at least five (5) business days in advance. Para arreglos; materiales en formatos accesibles; interpretes de idioma extranjero; y/o materiales en otro idioma que no sea inglés, por favor comunicarse al Departamento de la Policía de Tucson a la sección de Información Pública al (520) 791-4852 o (520) 791-2639 para TDD por lo menos con cinco (5) días hábiles de anticipación.



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Additionally, payment can be made through the mail by sending a check in the amount of \$20 made payable to "City of Tucson" in addition to a copy of the registration form completed on-line to:

Westside Police Service Center

Attention: Alarm Unit

1310 West Miracle Mile

Tucson, AZ 85705

To see the full alarm ordinance, visit www.tucsonaz.gov/police and click on the "Alarm Information" link. For any other questions, please contact Sergeant Beam of the Tucson Police Department Alarm Unit at (520) 837-7223 or Officer Parrish at (520) 837-7318.

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