

ORDINANCE NO. 1256

Introduced by All Commissioners

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9.16 "FALSE ALARMS" OF  
THE WARRENTON MUNICIPAL CODE

**WHEREAS**, the City last addressed the False Alarms chapter in City's Municipal Code in 2013;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the Resolution No. 830 defines Excessive False Alarms as more than two alarms in  
a twelve-month period but Chapter 9.16 defines them as being a calendar year; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs associated with police and fire personnel response have dramatically  
increased since the original fees were established; and

**WHEREAS**, the City would like to align their fees to be more consistent with other  
municipalities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City of Warrenton ordains as follows:

**Section 1.** Warrenton Municipal Code Section 9.16.020 False Alarms is hereby amended to  
read as follows:

9.16.020 False Alarms.

- (A) Signals from an alarm system *that are* false are a nuisance.
- (B) Beginning with the third false alarm in any *twelve-month period*, the city shall  
*impose fees set by resolution for each false alarm.*
- (C) Any alarm user delinquent in payment of false alarm fees in excess of 60 days  
shall have the account submitted to collections and an additional fee of 50% of the  
total will be applied to the account.

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall become effective thirty days after its adoption.

First Reading: February 22, 2022

Second Reading: March 8, 2022

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Warrenton, Oregon this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March  
2022.

ATTEST

  
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Dawne Shaw, CMC, City Recorder

APPROVED

  
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Henry A. Balensifer III, Mayor