

1 CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO

2
3 ORDINANCE NO. 50

4
5 Series, 2014

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7 INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS: STEIN & BECKMAN

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9 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON,
10 COLORADO, REMOVING THE PERMITTING
11 REQUIREMENT FOR ALARM BUSINESSES AND
12 PROVIDING THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEE
13 RELATED TO FALSE ALARMS REQUIRING FIRE
14 DEPARTMENT RESPONSE SHALL BE SET BY COUNCIL
15 RESOLUTION

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17 WHEREAS, Littleton City Code currently requires a permit for an alarm
18 business to maintain, install, lease or sell any emergency alarm device;

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20 WHEREAS, Littleton City Code currently assesses an administrative fee for false
21 alarms received;

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23 WHEREAS, the city council has determined that such permit is no longer
24 necessary and that the administrative fee should be limited to fire department responses and
25 reviewed and set annually by resolution; and

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27 WHEREAS, the city council has determined that it is in the best interest of the
28 citizens of Littleton to remove the permitting requirement for alarm businesses and review and
29 set the administrative fee for false alarms annually by council resolution;

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31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
32 THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:

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34 **Section 1:** Sections 3 through 5 of chapter 7 of title 3 are hereby deleted in their
35 entirety.

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37 **Section 2:** Section 6 of chapter 7 of title 3 is hereby retitled "3-7-6: GENERAL
38 PERMIT PROVISIONS".

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40 **Section 3:** Subsection (B) of section 6 of chapter 7 of title 3 is hereby revised as
41 follows: "(B) Emergency Alarm Device Systems: An alarm user shall be afforded a thirty (30)
42 day adjustment or grace period, or ~~five (5)~~ THREE (3) false alarms, whichever occurs first, to
43 correct mechanical problems. During said period of time, no false alarm penalty shall be charged
44 against the alarm user; however, police or fire response may be restricted or curtailed if, in the
45 determination of the City Manager the number of false alarms has become excessive."
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1 **Section 4:** Subsection (A) of section 10 of chapter 7 of title 3 is hereby revised as
2 follows: "(A) After the adjustment period, as specified in subsection 3-7-6(B) of this Chapter,
3 ends, each alarm user shall be allowed ~~five (5)~~ THREE (3) false alarms in a three hundred sixty
4 five (365) day period. ~~A fifty dollar (\$50.00) administrative fee~~ FOR FALSE ALARMS
5 REQUIRING FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE, AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE, TO BE SET
6 BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, shall be charged by the City to the alarm user beginning with the
7 ~~sixth~~ FOURTH false alarm for each and every such false alarm, AND AN ADDITIONAL
8 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE, TO BE SET BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, SHALL BE
9 CHARGED BEGINNING WITH THE SIXTH FALSE ALARM. If more than twelve (12) false
10 alarms are received in a three hundred sixty five (365) day period after the expiration of said
11 adjustment period, the alarm installation may be declared unreliable by the City Manager and
12 Police or Fire Department response may be discontinued to future alarms."
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14 **Section 5:** Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or
15 phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the
16 validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it
17 would have passed this ordinance, including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or
18 phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentences,
19 clauses or phrases may be declared invalid.
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21 **Section 6:** Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in
22 conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that this repealer shall not repeal the
23 repealer clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.
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26 INTRODUCED AS A BILL at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council
27 of the City of Littleton on the 16th day of December, 2014, passed on first reading by a vote of 7
28 FOR and 0 AGAINST; and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the
29 Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

30 PUBLIC HEARING on the Ordinance to take place on the 6th day of January,
31 2015, in the Council Chamber, Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado,
32 at the hour of 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

33 PASSED on second and final reading, following public hearing, by a vote
34 of _____ FOR and _____ AGAINST on the 6th day of January, 2015 and ordered published by
35 posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton

1 Website.

2 ATTEST:

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5 Colleen L. Norton
6 ACTING CITY CLERK

Phil Cernanec
PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL

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7 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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11 Kristin Schledorn
12 CITY ATTORNEY

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