Chapter 18

POLICE*

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 18-1. Police department duties relative to alarm systems; false alarms.

(a) *Definitions.* For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

Alarm shall mean an electronic device by which a signal is sent to the police department, whether directly or indirectly, indicating a crime in progress, fire or other emergency in any location.

Alarm call shall mean an instance where the police department responds to an alarm by means of sending a police vehicle or other employee vehicle of the city.

Chargeable false alarm shall mean a false alarm which is not the result of weather conditions, unavoidable power outages or in connection with tests for which advance warning is given.

False alarm shall mean an alarm or call where the police officer or other city employee responding to the alarm finds that no fire, crime in progress or other emergency exists such as to justify the alarm call.

(b) *Alarm instructions.* The city, through the police department, shall prepare and provide to the various alarm system users in the city alarm instructions setting forth the rights, responsibilities and fees for chargeable false alarms within the city.

(c) *Chargeable false alarms.* Each user of an alarm system within the city shall be responsible for the following fees for all chargeable false alarms occurring during any one (1) calendar year:

False alarm calls	*Fee (per call)*
1–3	No charge
4–6	$ 25.00
7–9	50.00
10 or more	100.00

***Cross references**—Administration, Ch. 2; offenses, Ch. 13; traffic and motor vehicles, Ch. 23.

(d) *Duties.* The police department shall provide the following duties and responsibilities relative to alarm systems:

(1) Prepare and maintain necessary information for alarm system users within the city;

(2) Maintain all records relative to alarm systems, alarm agreements, alarm calls, false alarms and chargeable false alarms;

(3) Handle all claims for fees for chargeable false alarms as provided herein;

(4) In the event of unusual or extraordinary circumstances, the police department, through the chief of police or a designee of the chief of police, shall have the authority to determine that a particular alarm run shall not be considered or charged as a chargeable false alarm.

(Ord. No. 198, §§ 1–4, 8-7-90)

Editor's note—Ord. No. 198, §§ 1–4, adopted Aug. 7, 1990, not specifically amendatory of this Code, has been codified as § 18-1 at the discretion of the editor.

Secs. 18-2–18-20. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. DISPOSITION OF STOLEN OR ABANDONED PROPERTY

Sec. 18-21. Report to city council.

Whenever the police department has any recovered stolen or abandoned property, including money, which is unclaimed for six (6) months after recovery, it shall report the fact to the city council and request authority from the city council to dispose of it as provided in this article.

(Ord. No. 140, § 1, 9-3-74)

Sec. 18-22. Notice of sale, deadline to claim.

The city council shall act upon the police department's request under this article within ninety (90) days after the request. If the request is approved, the police department shall publish notice in a newspaper serving the city at least five (5) days before the sale of unclaimed property. The notice shall describe the property, including money, and shall state the time and place of public sale at which the property may be purchased by the highest bidder. Until the date of the sale the property, including money, may be claimed at the police department. If ownership is proved, the police shall turn the property, including money, over to the owner and cancel the sale insofar as the claimed property is concerned.

(Ord. No. 140, § 2, 9-3-74)

Sec. 18-23. Sale; disposition of proceeds.

The chief of police shall conduct the sale pursuant to this article and shall deposit the proceeds of the sale after deducting the cost of the sale together with any other money included in the notice with the city treasurer to the credit of the general fund.

(Ord. No. 140, § 3, 9-3-74)

Sec. 18-24. Claims after sale.

If within six (6) months after the sale, the owner of the property, including money, files with the city council a claim for the property, including money, and proves his right to the property, the city council shall through the city treasurer pay the money of the amount received for the property to the owner. The city council shall not approve any claims filed more than six (6) months after the sale.
(Ord. No. 140, § 4, 9-3-74)