

## ORDINANCE NO. 14-636

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 12-20, PENALTIES ASSESSED FOR FALSE ALARMS, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 12, PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, alarm systems are causing substantial misuse of the manpower and resources of the City of Port Richey Police Department and Fire Department by causing dispatch or patrol units to the scene of numerous false alarms, thus removing them from patrol and causing them to be out of service when a true need or emergency situation could exist; and

**WHEREAS**, passage of this ordinance will further the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

#### **Section 1.**

a) The following penalties shall be assessed against any individual, partnership, corporation, lessee, or other entity that is legally responsible for the operation and maintenance of the alarm system:

- 1) Up to three false alarms within a 12-month period; no penalty will be assessed.
  - 2) On the fourth false alarm within a 12-month period; a ~~\$25.00~~ \$30.00, (Class V) fine will be assessed.
  - 3) On the fifth false alarm within a 12-month period; a ~~\$50.00~~ \$55.00, (Class IV) fine will be assessed.
  - 4) On the sixth false alarm within a 12-month period; a ~~\$100.00~~ \$130.00, (Class II) fine will be assessed.
  - 5) On the seventh false alarm within a 12-month period; a ~~\$200.00~~ \$155.00, (Class I) fine will be assessed.
  - 6) On the eight false alarm within a 12-month period; a ~~\$400.00~~ \$250.00, (Class VII) fine will be assessed.
  - 7) On the ninth and each subsequent false alarm within a 12-month period; a \$500.00, (Class VI) fine will be assessed.
- b) Penalties shall be payable to the ~~city clerk~~ Pasco County Clerk of Court within 30 days of the fine assessment.

#### **Section 2.**                    SEVERABILITY.

It is declared to be the intent of the City Council that the provisions of this ordinance are severable, and if any sentence, section, or other part of this ordinance should be found to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

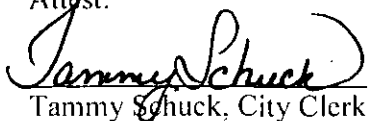
It is the intent of the City Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Port Richey Code of Ordinances, and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," "regulation," or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions. .

**Section 4.**                    **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

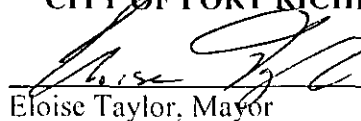
This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by the City Council and signing by the Mayor.

The foregoing Ordinance No. 14-636 was read and passed on its first reading in an open and regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Port Richey, Florida, on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 2014.

Attest:

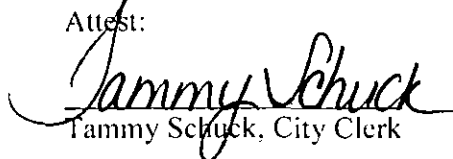
  
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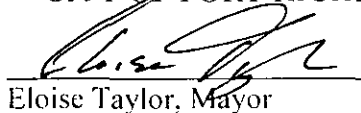
  
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The foregoing Ordinance No. 14-636 was read and passed on its second reading in an open and regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Port Richey, Florida, on this 11 day of March, 2014.

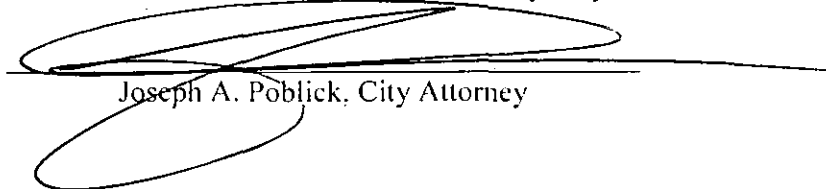
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Approved as to legal form and legal content  
for the reliance of the City of Port Richey only:

  
Joseph A. Poblick, City Attorney