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ONE FALSE ALARM PER DAY

CITY TO ENFORCE ORDINANCE REQUIRING REGISTRATION OF ALARMS

The San Bernardino Sheriff's Department reported that in 2015 they responded to over 360 false alarms. In fact, there were over 30 residential and businesses within Grand Terrace that had over 3 false alarms during the year, with one address with over 15 false alarms during this time period. Chapter 4.24.010 of the City's municipal code imposes a fine of \$55.00 for any residential/business address with more than 3 false alarms during a twelve month period.

In addition, all alarms are required to be registered at the time of installation, unregistered alarms constitute a violation of the City's Municipal Code and residents/businesses and alarm company installers are subject to a \$100.00 administrative fine. If residents/businesses have a false alarm and the alarm is not permitted, the fine will be imposed. However, if you receive an administrative citation for an unregistered alarm, your fine maybe waived if you register the alarm within 10 days, if you were not given prior notice to register the alarm.

City staff encourages residents to contact their alarm service provider and have them register your alar or do it yourself by visiting the City's website. There is no fee to register your alarm. City staff also encourages residents to only use alarm companies with a valid City business license.

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If you would like more information about this topic, please contact City Finance Department at (909) 824-6621 ext. 5 for additional questions.