

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 OF THE GREENSBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH
RESPECT TO OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

Section 1. That Section 18-27. Same – False Alarms of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 18-27. Same—False alarms.

- (a) *First ~~through second~~ false alarms.* If, within any twelve-consecutive-month period, the police department responds to ~~two (2)~~ one false alarms at the same premises or location, the chief of police or his designee, shall send a letter to the subscriber informing him of the false alarms and requesting that he initiate action to stop further false alarms and informing him of the consequences of continued false alarms, specifically the civil penalty fee. There will be no fee assessed for the first ~~two (2)~~ false alarms within a twelve-consecutive-month period.
- (b) *~~Third~~ **Second** false alarm.* Beginning with the ~~third~~ **second** false alarm, a civil ticket shall be issued for each additional false alarm.
- (c) *Alarm tests.* Alarms activated during alarm system testing procedures shall not be considered false alarms if the subscriber first notifies and receives permission from the police department to test the system.
- (d) *Continuing audible alarms.* All audible alarms shall be equipped with an automatic reset device that will reset and cease to sound the alarm after thirty (30) minutes from the time officers arrive at the alarm location, due to failure of the alarm to reset shall constitute a violation of this section. The subscriber shall reimburse the city for each violation of a continuing alarm activation at a rate of ten dollars (\$10.00) per violation.

Section 2. That Section 18-28. Same – Issuance of tickets and civil penalties of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 18-28. Same—Issuance of tickets and civil penalties.

Any city official authorized by the chief of police may issue to the known owner of or person having control of any place of business or residence a civil penalty citation giving notice of the violation of section 18-27 herein. Any such official shall be authorized to secure the name and address of the owner or person in control of the place of business or residence found to be in violation of exceeding the number of alarms allowed.

Citations so issued may be delivered in person or mailed by registered mail to the person charged if he cannot readily be found. Each citation issued shall impose upon the owner or person in charge a civil penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the ~~third~~ **second** ~~through sixth~~ fine; one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the ~~seventh~~ **third** ~~through ninth~~ **fourth** fine; and two hundred fifty

dollars (\$250.00) for ~~ten or more~~ **the fifth through ninth fine; and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for ten or more fines** within a twelve-month-continuous period, up to which shall be paid to the city tax collector within fourteen (14) days of receipt in full satisfaction of the assessed civil penalty. If the civil penalty is not paid within the time prescribed in the citation, the appropriate personnel of the city may initiate a civil action in the nature of debt to collect such civil penalty.

Section 3. All ordinances in conflict with the provision of this ordinance are repealed to the event of such conflict.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective on and after July 1, 2014.