

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE V, BUSINESS AND OCCUPATIONS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, TO AMEND CHAPTER 105 ALARM SYSTEMS.

WHEREAS, The Code of Ordinances of the City of Gladstone, Missouri (the “City Code”) includes provisions in Title V addressing Alarm Systems within the City of Gladstone, Missouri (the “City”); and

WHEREAS, City staff have prepared revisions to amend Title V of the City Code to revise Chapter 105 to allow the Police Department’s Alarm Coordinator to directly charge partial reimbursement fines when alarm users have more than six false alarms in any calendar year and to allow the Police Department to discontinue responses to alarm users with more than six false alarms in a calendar year until their partial reimbursement fines are paid.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to approve the proposed amendments to Title V of the City Code as set forth in this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That Chapter 105 Alarm Systems of the City Code is hereby amended with additions in bold underline and deletions in ~~striketrough~~:

Sec. 5.105.080: Review of false alarm determinations.

(a) *Notice.* At the time of the sixth false alarm for any alarm user within any calendar year, the alarm coordinator shall notify the alarm user by personal service or upon the addressee, or given by United States mail of such occurrence and that subsequent false alarms during the calendar year will result in a partial expense reimbursement fine. ~~and that additional false alarms during the calendar year may require the alarm user's appearance in municipal court.~~

(b) *Subsequent False Alarms.* Upon receipt of any subsequent false alarm after the sixth false alarm for any alarm user, a partial expense reimbursement fine to the City in accordance with subsection 5.105.100(b) of this chapter shall be paid by the alarm user for each such false alarm. Failure to pay the partial expense reimbursement fine within ten (10) days of demand by the alarm coordinator will result in all alarm service otherwise rendered by the Police Department to be suspended until payment is made.

~~(b)~~ (c) Review of false alarm determinations. The city Police Department Alarm Coordinator shall, when requested by an alarm user, review the determination that an alarm was false. Such review may be done by the Alarm Coordinator only if the alarm user requests such a review within 15 days of the mailing or other delivery of the notice of the sixth false alarm determination. A request for a determination by the Alarm Coordinator shall include at least the following information:

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- (1) Alarm user name;
- (2) Address at which alarm is installed;
- (3) Date(s) of alarm or alarms being contested;
- (4) Facts upon which the request for a review of determination is made.

SECTION 2: That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.



Mayor Les Smith

ATTEST:



Kris Keller, City Clerk

First Reading: November 10, 2025

Second Reading: November 10, 2025



Request for Council Action

RES # City Clerk Only

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Date: 10/30/2025

Department: Police

Meeting Date Requested: 11/10/2025

Public Hearing: Yes Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Subject: Amendments to City of Gladstone Alarm Systems Ordinance; Chapter 105

Background: Currently, the City has an alarm Ordinance that outlines provisions for repeated false alarms and subsequent penalties. Often times, the current owner or occupant of a building isn't readily known, and the current Ordinance requires citations be handled through municipal court. The Police Department and City legal counsel believe that an amendment to the current Ordinance that allows fines to be billed as other city fees and a provision for discontinuation of police response when fees are not paid, would create a more manageable system for handling these types of infractions. The City's legal counsel has found that a similar system works very well in a much larger community and believes this amendment will provide a more efficient and enforceable system.

Budget Discussion: N/A

Public/Board/Staff Input: Staff recommends adoption of the proposed Ordinance.

Provide Original Contracts, Leases, Agreements, etc. to: City Clerk and Vendor.

Fred Farris
Police Chief

JA
City Attorney

BB
City Manager