

Ordinance No. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, RELATED TO POLICE DEPARTMENT FEES AND AMENDING OLYMPIA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 4.02

WHEREAS, the Olympia Municipal Code (OMC) Chapter 4.02 relates to fees charged by the Olympia Police Department for processing criminal history records to agencies and persons other than criminal justice agencies, for fingerprinting services, for criminal history background requests, and for registration and false alarm fees; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia Police Department responds to alarms relating to burglaries or robberies, without regard to whether the alarm may or may not be a false alarm unrelated to criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, fees for false alarms may create economic hardship upon residents and businesses within the City of Olympia, further exacerbating the economic disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and that such fees have not proven to be a reliable deterrent to false alarms within the City of Olympia; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia Police Department recommends repeal of fees relating to false alarms for security systems of residents and businesses within the City, and that such repeal will reduce administrative tasks and permit the Department to redirect staff resources to other critical public safety needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of OMC 4.02. Olympia Municipal Code Chapter 4.02 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 4.02

POLICE DEPARTMENT FEES

4.02.000 Chapter Contents

Sections:

4.02.010 Police Department Fees.

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A. Charges for providing and processing criminal history records to agencies and persons other than criminal justice agencies shall be established at the cost of copying the information with a minimum charge of \$5.00.

B. The charge for providing fingerprinting services shall be \$15.00 for a two-card set. The Chief of Police is authorized to enter into master contracts with other political subdivisions for providing fingerprinting services. Master contracts shall be at the estimated cost of providing the service.

C. A \$10.00 fee shall be charged for each criminal history background request processed by the Olympia Police Department. Exception: Per RCW 10.97, no charges shall be assessed to registered criminal justice agencies.

D.— Fees relating to security alarms are as follows:

Registration Fees	
Residential	\$25.00
Commercial-Government	\$35.00
False Alarm Fees	
Burglary/Property	\$60.00
Robbery/Panic	\$200.00

Section 2. Corrections. The City Clerk and codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances shall remain unaffected.

Section 4. Retroactivity and Ratification. This Ordinance shall be retroactive to January 1, 2020. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) after passage and publication, as provided by law.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber
CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED:

APPROVED:

PUBLISHED: