



## Council Communication

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Michael Soelberg, Chief of Police, (480) 635-7272

**MEETING DATE:** 12/17/2024 6:30 PM - Regular Meeting

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Town of Gilbert Municipal Ordinance section 42-84 False alarms; notifications, assessments.

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:** Exceptional Built Environment

Municipal Ordinances are established by the Town Council to establish the rules for the operation of local government and provides rules and regulations governing public activity in the community. This aligns with the Town’s strategic initiative of Exceptional Built Environment. Amending Municipal Ordinance 42-84, false alarms; notifications, assessments, contributes to the exceptional quality of life in Gilbert.

### RECOMMENDED MOTION

A motion to approve Ordinance amending the Code of Gilbert, Arizona, Chapter 42 Offenses and Abatement of Public Nuisances, by amending Article III Offenses Involving Public Peace and Order, related to False alarms; notifications, assessments.

### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Gilbert Municipal Code of Ordinances Section 42-84 (False alarms; notifications, assessments), subsection (b), currently authorizes that three or more false alarms within a calendar year shall be subject to false alarm assessment[s] as provided within 42-84.

This amendment seeks to exempt from false alarm assessments those alarm systems operated by the Town of Gilbert, the county, the state, or the federal government and installed on premises such entity occupies or uses for governmental purposes.

As an example: currently, if the Gilbert Police Department's Property and Evidence building has an alarm—false or otherwise—the Gilbert Police Department is dispatched to investigate. If the Gilbert Police Department's officers determine the alarm was false, and there have been three or more false alarms within a calendar year, the Town of Gilbert shall charge the Gilbert Police Department for sending Gilbert Police Department's officers to respond to a Gilbert Police Department building's alarm. This amendment will help the Town avoid expending the resources to fine itself, and other government agencies, for the response to false alarms, but notifications will still be made to encourage remedies to the false alarms.

This ordinance was reviewed by the Town Council at the Special Meeting held on February 28, 2023.

The ordinance was reviewed for form by Attorney Zach Altman and Attorney Kole Lyons.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

The financial impact was reviewed by Genesis E. Hart, Management and Budget Analyst.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance, as proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Soelberg  
Chief of Police