

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 11.04 OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLARIFY THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO LOCAL ALARMS

The City Council of the City of Culver City, California, **DOES HEREBY ORDAIN** as follows:

SECTION 1: The definitions of "Alarm System" and "False Alarm" set forth in Culver City Municipal Code Section 11.04.010 "Definitions" are amended to read as follows:

Alarm system means any single device or assembly of equipment designed to signal the occurrence of an illegal or unauthorized entry or other illegal activity, including local alarms and alarms requiring immediate attention and to which law enforcement is requested to respond, but does not include motor vehicle or boat alarms, fire alarms, domestic violence alarms, or alarms designed to elicit a medical response.

False alarm means (1) the activation of an alarm system through mechanical or electronic failure, malfunction, improper installation, or the negligence of the alarm user, his/her employees or agents, and (2) any signals activated to summon law enforcement personnel, unless law enforcement response was cancelled by the user's alarm company before law enforcement personnel arrive at the alarm location. An alarm is false within the meaning of this chapter when, upon inspection by the Police Department, evidence indicates that no unauthorized entry, robbery, or other such crime was committed or attempted in or on the premises which would have activated a properly functioning alarm system. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a false alarm shall not include an alarm which can reasonably be determined to have been caused or activated by unusually violent conditions of nature nor does it include other extraordinary circumstances not reasonably subject to control by the alarm user.

1 **SECTION 2:** Culver City Municipal Code Section 11.04.015 "Alarm Permits"
2 subsection "A" is amended to read as follows:

3 A. *Permit required.* No person shall use an alarm system, including a local
4 alarm, unless a person who owns, controls or is responsible for the real property upon
5 which the system is installed hold a valid alarm user permit issued pursuant to this
6 Chapter. A fee established by resolution of the City Council may be required for the
7 initial registration, annual renewals, and late renewals. Each alarm permit shall be
8 assigned a unique permit number, and the user shall provide the permit number to
9 facilitate law enforcement dispatch.

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11 **SECTION 3:** Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or
12 proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any
13 cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or Ordinance hereby
14 repealed as cited in Section 1 of this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or
15 remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

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17 **SECTION 4:** Pursuant to Section 619 of the City Charter, this Ordinance shall
18 take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption. Pursuant to Section 616 and 621 of
19 the City Charter, prior to the expiration of fifteen (15) days after the adoption, the
20 City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance, or a summary thereof, to be published in the
21 Culver City News and shall post this Ordinance or a summary thereof in at least
22 three places within the City.

23 **SECTION 5:** The City Council hereby declares that, if any provision, section,
24 subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or word of this Ordinance is rendered or
25 declared invalid or unconstitutional by any final action in a court of competent
26 jurisdiction or by reason or any preemptive legislation, then the City Council would have
27 independently adopted the remaining provisions, sections, subsections, paragraphs,
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1 sentences, phrases, or words of this Ordinance, and as such they shall remain in full
2 force and effect.

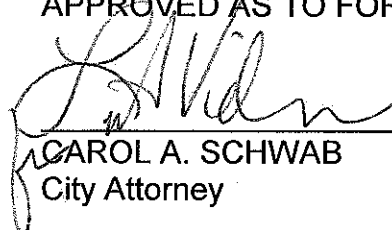
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4 APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2019.

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6 THOMAS AUJERO SMALL, MAYOR
7 City of Culver City, California

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9 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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11 _____
12 JEREMY GREEN
13 City Clerk

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16 CAROL A. SCHWAB
17 City Attorney