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6 Introduced February 26, 1991 by
7 Councilwoman Williams, seconded
8 by Councilman Callahan (by
9 request)

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11 Item No. 91-02-1495
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14 **ORDINANCE NO. 2374**
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17 An ordinance amending Chapter 9 Criminal Code of the
18 Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell to establish procedures
19 for emergency reporting equipment.
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21 BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that
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23 Ordinance No. 2361, adopted December 11, 1990, is hereby repealed
24 in its entirety.
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27 BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that
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29 Chapter 9 Criminal Code, Article VIII. Offenses against the public
30 and public officers., of the Code of Ordinances of the City of
31 Slidell is hereby amended as follows:
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33 Delete "Sec. 9-76. False alarms." in its entirety, and
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35 replace with the following:
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37 "Sec. 9-76. Emergency reporting equipment.
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39 A. Definitions:
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43 1. ALARM NOTIFICATION - A notification intended to
44 summon the police, which is designed either to be
45 initiated purposely by a person or by an alarm
46 system that responds to a stimulus characteristic of
47 unauthorized intrusion.
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49 2. ALARM SITE - means a single premises or location
50 (one street address) served by an alarm system or
51 systems that are under the control of one (1) owner.
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53 3. ALARM SYSTEM - shall mean an assembly of equipment
54 or devices which is designed, arranged or used for
55 the detection of a hazardous condition or an
56 unauthorized entry or attempted entry into a
57 building, structure or facility, or for alerting
58 persons of a hazardous condition or the commission
59 of an unlawful act within a building, structure or
60 facility and which emits a sound, or transmits a
61 signal or message when activated, to which
62 annunciation, a law enforcement agency may be
63 summoned to respond.
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12 4. ALARM USER - The occupant, resident, tenant, and/or
13 lessee of the premises in which an alarm system is
14 installed.
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18 5. FALSE ALARM - An alarm signal received and answered
19 by the Police Department of the City of Slidell when
20 a situation requiring a response by the Police
21 Department does not in fact exist at, in or about
22 the building, structure or facility described in the
23 permit and where an alarm system has been installed.
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28 6. OFFICER - A member of the Slidell Police Department.
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32 7. PERSON - An individual, corporation, partnership,
33 association, organization or similar entity.
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36 B. False Alarms.

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38 It shall be unlawful for any person to
39 intentionally make, turn in, or report a false alarm of
40 fire or of need for police or ambulance assistance.
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44 C. City Monitoring Prohibited.

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46 The City of Slidell shall not engage in the
47 monitoring of any alarm systems. In the event such
48 monitoring services are performed by the City of
49 Slidell, all such monitored systems' holders shall be
50 notified that said services shall be discontinued within
51 six (6) months of passage of this ordinance.
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56 D. Tape Dialer Prohibited.

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58 It shall be unlawful to install and use "tape
59 dialers" and/or similar automatic telephonic systems
60 shall not be connected to any police facility.
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66 Violations shall be punishable by a fine of not more
67 than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), but not less than
68 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).
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72 E. Police Department Responses to Alarm Notifications.

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74 Each police department's response to each alarm
75 notification shall be evidenced by written notice,
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12 delivered to the alarm user's premises, indicating the
13 date and time of the response.
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16 Records of the City relative to responses to alarm
17 notifications shall be prima facie evidence that notices
18 recorded therein were lawfully made and delivered.
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22 **F. Fines for Alarm Notifications.**
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24 1. Except as provided in Subsection (2), (3), (4) and
25 (5) herein, the user of an alarmed premise shall be
26 fined for false alarm notifications pursuant to the
27 following schedule:
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29 (A) One (1) through five (5) (inclusive) false
30 alarm notifications in any calendar year - a
31 written warning delivered to alarm user's
32 premises for each Police Department response.
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34 (B) Six (6) or more (inclusive) false alarm
35 notifications in any calendar year - violations
36 shall be punishable by a fine of not more than
37 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), but not less than
38 Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) for each Police
39 Department response.
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41 2. An alarm notification will not be counted toward a
42 fine if written notification is received that the
43 alarm system was initially installed less than sixty
44 (60) days prior to the alarm notification.
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46 3. If the responding officer determines that an alarm
47 notification was caused by unauthorized intrusion,
48 attempted unauthorized intrusion, robbery or
49 attempted robbery, that notification will not be
50 counted in the assessment of a fine, as provided in
51 Paragraph 1 of this Section.
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53 4. An alarm notification will not be counted towards a
54 fine if written notification is received that the
55 alarm is malfunctioning, the alarm user can
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12 demonstrate that the alarm notification was the
13 result of a severe weather condition, including but
14 not limited to a tornado, hurricane, earthquake or
15 other weather condition that causes physical damage
16 to the alarm site, or is the result of a malfunction
17 in the operation of telephone lines for the
18 transmission of alarm signals, proof of the latter
19 to be documented by telephone company work orders or
20 time-stamped records from the alarm company showing
21 the period or periods of interrupted service.
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32 5. An alarm notification will not be counted in
33 determining a fine if the alarm notification is
34 canceled by the alarm user, alarm company, or
35 monitoring agency prior to the Police Department
36 arriving at the alarm site.
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42 G. Severability.

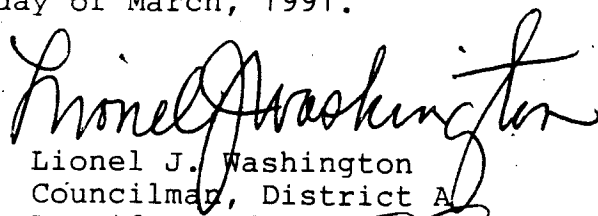
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44 If any part of this ordinance or application
45 thereof is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a
46 Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not
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48 thereof which shall remain in full force and effect.
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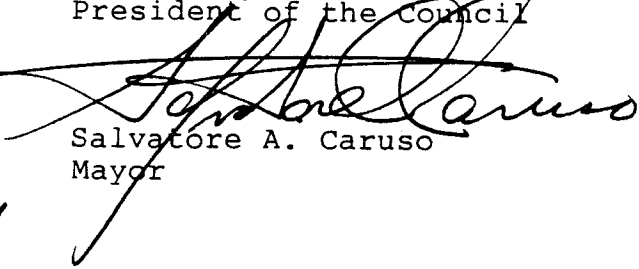

52 This ordinance shall become effective sixty
53 (60) days from its adoption.
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60 **ADOPTED** this 26th day of March, 1991.
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64 **DELIVERED**
65 4/1/91 11:15 a.m.
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