1	ORDINANCE NO						
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3	AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3 OF THE LITTLE ROCK,						
4	ARKANSAS REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD CERTAIN						
5	CRITERIA FOR IMPROVING THE PROCESSING OF FALSE ALARMS;						
6	TO ELIMINATE FINES FOR CERTAIN ALARM CANCELLATIONS; TO						
7	IMPOSE A FEE FOR LATE PAYMENTS; TO CLARIFY CERTAIN						
8	DEFINITIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.						
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10	WHEREAS, the Little Rock Board of Directors passed the False Alarm Reduction Ordinance						
11	(Ordinance No. 19,331) on June 7, 2005, to reduce false alarms; and,						
12	WHEREAS, the City's 911 answering system receives approximately 250,000 calls per year, of which						
13	34,500 are from alarms; and,						
14	WHEREAS, of these 34,500 calls from alarm systems, over 90% are false alarms; and,						
15	WHEREAS, sending an emergency response to a false alarm decreases the availability of the						
16	emergency services personnel to respond to true emergencies, thereby decreasing public safety; and,						
17	WHEREAS, it is desirable to clarify certain definitions, remove inconsistencies, impose a fee for late						
18	payments, and eliminate fees for cancelled alarms that are cancelled before law enforcement arrives at the						
19	site that was the subject of the alarm;						
20	NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY						
21	OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:						
22	Section 1. The following definitions in the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3, Article II, Section 3-13,						
23	are deleted and replaced with the following language:						
24	Conversion means the transaction or process by which one alarm installation company or						
25	monitoring company begins the servicing or monitoring, or both, of a previously						
26	unmonitored alarm system or an alarm system previously serviced or monitored, or both,						
27	by another alarm company.						
28	False alarm means an alarm dispatch request to an emergency service agency to summon						
29	a law enforcement agency, fire dispatch or medical emergency, or any combination thereof,						
30	to a nonemergency situation.						
31	Grace period means a specified length of time from the date of installation, or system						
32	conversion or takeover during which no occurrence, fine or penalty is assessed for false						
33	alarms.						
34	Section 2. The Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3, Article II, Section 3-14(d)(7)a is hereby amended to						

35 read as follows:

a.	Operating instr	uctions for the	alarm syster	n, including	g guidelines	on how to	avoid false
	alarms, have be	en read and agr	eed upon by	the alarm u	iser.		
Section	n 3. The Code	of Ordinances,	Chapter 3, A	Article II, S	Section 3-19(c) is hereby	y deleted in its
entirety.							
Section	1 4. The Code of	Ordinances, Ch	apter 3, Arti	cle II, Secti	on 3-20 is he	reby amend	led by adding a
new subsection (i):							
(i)	A Twenty-Five	Dollar (\$25.00) late fee wil	ll be assess	ed for each f	alse alarm i	nvoice not
paid within thirty (30) days of the due date stated on the invoice notice.							
Section 5. The Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3, Article II, Section 3-21(d) is hereby deleted a							
replaced with language to read as follows:							
(d)	If an alarm can	cellation occurs	prior to eme	rgency serv	vices arriving	at the site the	hat was the
	subject of the a	larm, the call is	not a false a	larm for the	e purpose of	fees for serv	vice and no
	fee will be asse	ssed.					
Section 6. The Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3, Article II, Section 3-22(f)(1) is hereby deleted and							
replaced with language to read as follows:							
(1) The installation company or the monitoring company may file a written request by paying							
an appeal fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and setting forth the reasons for the appeal							
	within fifteen (15) business day	s after the da	te of notific	ation of the c	lecision fror	n the alarm
administrator. Appeal fees will be returned to the appealing company if the appeal is							
	upheld.						
Section 7. The Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3, Article II, Section 3-25 is hereby deleted in its entirety							l in its entirety.
Section 8. Severability. In the event that any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase							clause, phrase,
or word of	this ordinance	is declared or a	djudged to b	be invalid of	or unconstitu	tional, such	declaration or
adjudicatio	n shall not affec	t the remaining	portions of t	the ordinan	ce which sha	all remain ir	n full force and
effect as if	the portion so de	clared or adjud	ged invalid o	or unconstit	utional were	not original	lly a part of the
ordinance.							
Sectio	on 9. Repealer.	All ordinances	s, resolutions	, bylaws, a	nd other ma	tters incons	istent with this
ordinance a	are hereby repeal	ed to the extent	of such inco	nsistency.			
PASSED:	April 7, 2015						
ATTEST:				APPROV	ED:		
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