

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA TO AMEND CHAPTER 18 (EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "VERIFY" TO REMOVE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; TO CLARIFY ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS RELATING TO FALSE VERIFICATION OF AN INTRUSION ALARM; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Sandy Springs ("City Council") are charged with the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Sandy Springs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is appropriate from time to time to modify the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sandy Springs (the "Code") to further protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Sandy Springs; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia that the City's Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

SECTION I: Division 2 of Article II of Chapter 18 relating to Alarm Systems is hereby amended by changing Section 18-35 to delete obsolete language from the definition of "*Verify*" and for other purposes, and will read as follows:

Sec. 18-35. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them below, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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Verify or *Verified* means visual or audible confirmation of an attempted or actual crime, fire or other emergency situation at the alarm site by means of:

1. Confirmation by the alarm user at the alarm site or via self-monitored audio/visual equipment;
2. Confirmation by a private guard responder at the alarm site;
3. Audible and/or visual evidence provided by a monitored alarm system, provided that such audible or visual evidence shall be made available to the emergency communications center no more than twenty-four (24) hours after the request for and-dispatch of the City's public safety department(s).

SECTION II: Division 2 of Article II of Chapter 18 relating to Alarm Systems is hereby amended by changing subsection (a) of Section 18-41 to provide for enforcement against a false verification, and for other purposes, and will read as follows:

Sec. 18-41. - Enforcement of provisions.

(a) Excessive false alarms to summon police department.

1. It is hereby found and determined that any false alarms to summon the police department is excessive, constitutes a public nuisance, and shall be unlawful. Civil penalties for each false alarm to summon the police department within any twelve (12) month period may be assessed against an alarm company in amounts established by resolution of city council.
2. Activation of an intrusion alarm that is determined to be false but is verified by an alarm company shall be deemed a false verification. Further, failure by an alarm company to provide evidence of verification as required under this Article shall be deemed a false verification. False verification shall result in a violation of this ordinance by the alarm company.
3. Only those locations registered with the city and serviced by a registered alarm company will be eligible to receive police services in response to an activated intrusion alarm. Audible alarms from unregistered locations are subject to violation of the city noise ordinance.

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SECTION III: It is the intention of the City Council and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the City Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of The Code of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, and the codifier is authorized to make the specified deletions, insertions, additions, and to insert headings, article numbers and section numbers as and where appropriate.

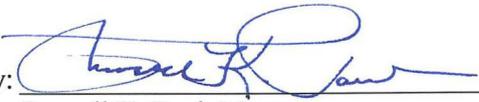
SECTION IV: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION V: If any section, subsection, provisions, or clause of any part of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, or, if the provisions of any part of this Ordinance as applied to any particular situation or set of circumstances shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect the portions of this Ordinance not so held to be invalid, or the application of this Ordinance to other circumstances not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared as the intent of the City Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted in its current form without the invalid or unconstitutional provision contained therein.

SECTION VI: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

SO ORDAINED this 5th day of November, 2019.

CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA

By: 
Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Attest:


Coty Thigpen, City Clerk

