

**RESOLUTION 21-**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES TO BE CHARGED  
FOR FALSE FIRE / SECURITY ALARM RESPONSES, TO  
BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON APPROVAL OF  
ORDINANCE 21-\_\_\_\_\_**

WHEREAS, Section 14-\_\_\_\_\_ Billings, Montana City Code (BMCC) provides that the City shall charge fees for repeated false alarm responses by the fire and police departments, and Section 14-\_\_\_\_\_ Billings, Montana City Code provides that the City Council shall set such fee amount; and

WHEREAS, the fire and police departments are responding to numerous false fire/security alarms calls; and

WHEREAS, the fees to be charged to alarm system owners is a deterrent and mechanism to reduce unwanted false alarms; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has duly considered the matter and established an ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

1. FALSE ALARM RESPONSE FEES. The false alarm response fee to be charged by the City of Billings shall be \$250.00 for each response as outlined in BMCC Section 14-\_\_\_\_\_.
2. TERM OF FEES The above fees shall continue in full force and effect until changed by the City Council by subsequent resolution.
3. ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION. Said fee shall be charged to the owner or responsible person of the alarm system by the City Finance Department.
4. DISPOSITION OF COLLECTIONS. Monies collected from fees shall be paid to the City Finance Department and deposited in the General Fund.
5. NOTICE OF HEARING. On Monday, \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be considered on the agenda in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, Billings, Montana, the City Council will hear objections to the adoption of this resolution. The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice thereof twice, at least five (5) days prior to the hearing, in the Yellowstone County News.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana,  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

CITY OF BILLINGS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
William A. Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denise R. Bohlman, City Clerk