



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #

Submitted Department/Preparer: Fire

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Executive Summary

This Ordinance would amend the Fire Code to treat excessive false medical alarms in the same manner as excessive false fire alarms.

Discussion

Currently the Fire Code only regulates excessive false fire alarms. The Fire Department has made responses to false medical alarms from alarm signaling systems that have produced an excessive number of such false medical alarms. Therefore, this ordinance would regulate excessive false medical alarms in the same manner as excessive false fire alarms. The Fire Code is the appropriate place to regulate excessive false medical alarms in this manner because the Fire Code regulates conditions hazardous to life in the occupancy of structures or premises, matters related to alarm systems and conditions affecting the safety of emergency responders during emergency operations. State law, Section 67.280, RSMo, requires that amendments to model codes, such as the Fire Code, that are adopted by a municipality be filed with the City Clerk for not less than 90 days before such amendment to the model code may be adopted.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? Yes No

2. What is the funding source?

N/A

3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?

The legislation would produce revenue from fines if fines are imposed pursuant to the legislation. Such fines can range from \$25 for a first offense up to \$250 for a sixth offense. The total revenue to be collected for excessive medical false alarms is indeterminable at this time.

4. Does the legislation have fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.

The legislation may have such an impact by generating revenue from fines.



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5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?

The legislation could generate revenue.

Budget Review

(Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. Yes No
2. This fund has a structural imbalance. Yes No

Additional Discussion (if needed)

Fine revenue collected for excessive medical false alarms would be deposited into the General Fund.

Citywide Business Plan Impact

List which goals and objectives in the Citywide Business Plan are impacted.

Prior Legislation

There is no known prior legislation regulating false medical alarms in this manner.

Service Level Impacts

This legislation will not effect Fire Department service levels.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?

There is no known health impact.

2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?

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3. Is this legislation good for the children?



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Yes.

4. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?

This legislation will hopefully reduce the number of vehicle responses to excessive false medical alarms.