



Council Consideration

- Agreement with Superion, LLC for Residential and Business Alarm Management
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Historical Information

- California Business & Professions Code 7592.8 (originally enacted in 1982) specifically allows a City to require residential and commercial alarm owners to obtain a permit, and to enact ordinances addressing responses to false alarms
- City Council originally adopted False Alarm regulations in 1994 (Ord. No. 1653), amended substantially in 1999 (Ord. No. 1735), with minor modifications in 2008 (Ord. No. 1836), and renumbering
- The City's False Alarm regulations have existed in essentially the same form since 1999

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Chapter 8.40 of the City Code

- Municipal Code Chapter 8.40, False Alarm Regulation, exists to ensure accurate, up-to-date information for Fire or Police personnel responding to the alarmed location.
 - It also enables emergency personnel to contact responsible parties and/or alarm repair company representatives should the alarm need to be reset, has a recurring problem, or the site needs to be secured.
 - Having this information readily available allows City personnel to return to providing services to the community in a timely manner.

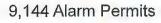


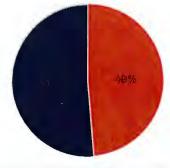
Technology

- The City's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) was linked to WINPACS, an alarm management software
- Like the former CAD system, WINPACS was archaic, did not provide the Police Department with technology currently available in alarm management systems and did not integrate with Hexagon CAD.
 - For example, WINPACS did not allow residents to register online, pay via credit card or provide staff with automatically generated invoices
 - Since the integration to Hexagon CAD, the Police Department has been manually managing new Residential and Business Alarm permits, renewals and bill collection



Residential and Business Alarm Permits





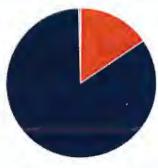
■ Residential, 4,442 ■ Business, 4,702

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Calls for Service

2,973 Alarm Related Calls for Service January 1 - October 7, 2019



■ Cancelled while en route, 460 ■ Determined to be false upon arrival, 2,513 ■ Valid alarm calls, 15



Alarm Permit Revenue

Year	Revenue Collected	
2015	\$51,275	
2016	\$104,742	
2017	\$115,466	
2018	\$212,883	
January – August, 2019	\$92,114	



Superion, LLC

- Superion has more California clients than any other false alarm management company
- Superion currently supports the false alarm reduction efforts in the attached California cities and counties on premise or outsource

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Agreement with Superion, LLC

- Superion, LLC is a state-of-the-art alarm management system with the capability to be integrated into Hexagon CAD
- If approved, enhanced services to residents, business and staff will include:
 - Provide citizens and businesses with secure 24/7 online access to account information via an agency dedicated website;
 - Automatically generate notices, create invoices and calculate fees in accordance with our Municipal Fee Schedule and City Code;
 - Integrate alarm incidents, billing and accounts receivable information;
 - Fully automated interface with our Hexagon CAD system for daily transfers of alarm incident data, permit status, alarm system contacts and site hazards between CryWolf® and Hexagon;
 - Capture, track, and account for the filing and adjudication of hearings and appeals in accordance with your direction
 - Provides an administration portal for city staff to run reports in the program



Agreement System Requirements

- The Agreement with Superion, LLC meets applicable Payment Card Industry standards for confidentiality and data security
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 - Indoor and outdoor 24/7 on-site security guard at the facility
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 - Perform daily back-up of the data
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Revenue Sharing Split with Superion, LLC

- Through analysis and review of the Police Department's alarm program and corresponding revenue, new fees were proposed and a revenue sharing split was negotiated
- There are no upfront costs or annual maintenance fees as part of this Agreement. Instead, Superion (24%) and the City of Santa Clara (76%) will split the estimated revenue
- The first-year revenue and expenditure estimates were included in the FY 2019/20 Adopted
 Operating Budget. These included proposed adjustments to Chapter 8.40 Security Alarm
 Systems and the Municipal Fee Schedule estimated annually at \$246,000 (or, \$186,960 to
 the City of Santa Clara)
- The proposal includes taking action on a three-year Agreement with Superion LLC, and authorize the City Manager to automatically renew the agreement for additional one-year periods, with a maximum of two additional one-year periods



Resolution Amending the Municipal Fee Schedule

	FY 19/20 Municipal Fee Schedule	Proposed Alarm Permit Fees
Alarm Permit (unchanged)	\$37 (one time)	\$37, plus annual renewal fee of \$15
Late Payment fee (new)	\$0	\$25
Reinstatement fee (new)	\$0	\$15
Non-Registration fine (new)	n/a	\$50
False Alarm - 1 st offense (unchanged)	\$0	\$0
False Alarm – 2 nd offense (new)	\$0	\$50
False Alarm – 3 rd offense (unchanged)	\$111	\$111
False Alarm – 4th offense (unchanged)	\$136	\$136
False Alarm – 5 th and subsequent offenses (unchanged)	\$161	\$161
Dispatch for a Hold-Up Alarm (unchanged)	\$121, plus False Alarm fee	\$121, plus False Alarm fee



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AGENDA REPORT

Date:

December 10, 2019

To:

City Manager

From:

Executive Assistant to the Mayor & City Council

Subject: Correspondence received regarding Item #2G on December 10, 2019 City Council Meeting

Agenda

From Thursday, December 6, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., through Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., the Mayor and City Council Offices received the attached communications regarding Item #2G-19-809 Action on (1) Agreement with Superion, LLC for Residential and Business Alarm Management Software, (2) Resolution Amending the Municipal Fee Schedule, and (3) Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 8.40 of the City Code ("False Alarm Regulation.")

Julie Minot Executive Assistant to the Mayor & City Council

Documents Related to this Report:

1) Communications received

Item 26

Julie Minot

From:

Michael Bierman < Csc.mb@thebiermans.net>

Sent:

Friday, December 6, 2019 10:33 AM

To:

Mayor and Council

Subject:

Opposition to new alarm fees

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For full details, view this message on the web.

Sent by Santa Clara Police Department 601 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95050

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Julie Minot

From:

Timothy Tsai <timothy@byu.net>

Sent:

Friday, December 6, 2019 10:40 AM

To:

Mayor and Council

Subject:

Re: Community Message: Changes Proposed to Residential and Business Alarm Permit

Program

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Sorry, one more question:

What does "the public will receive enhanced service to include: * Ability to track registered and unregistered alarm systems" mean? Will the public (including those with and without alarm systems) be able to see this information, or will public access be limited to those with registered alarm systems. Will the publicly available information include the list of who has an alarm system and who doesn't, or will this information we provided to the public on an aggregated and anonymized basis?

Thanks,

Tim

On Fri, Dec 6, 2019 at 10:34 AM Timothy Tsai <timothy@byu.net> wrote:

Hi,

I had a few questions about the proposed changes to the Residential and Business Alarm Permit Program:

Would the false alarm fines continue to be assessed per year? For example, for a situation with one false alarm in one year and another false alarm in the subsequent year, would the latter be counted as a first or second false alarm based on the fee schedule?

What is a "hold-up alarm"? Is this any alarm where the police are dispatched to the location?

Would there be support to automatic charging of credit cards on an annual basis?

Thanks,

Tim

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Santa Clara Police Department < santa-clara-police-department@emails.nixle.com >

Date: Fri, Dec 6, 2019 at 9:50 AM

Subject: Community Message: Changes Proposed to Residential and Business Alarm Permit Program

To: <timothy@byu.net>

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Santa Clara Police Department





Community: Changes Proposed to Residential and Business Alarm Permit Program

Dear Nixle User,

The City Council will be considering an item on December 10, 2019, to have a third-party vendor manage the Residential and Business Alarm Permit program.

The City Code (Chapter 8.40, "False Alarm Regulation") requires residents and business with an alarm to acquire a permit to ensure accurate, up-to-date information is readily available to Police or Fire personnel responding to the alarmed location. It also enables emergency personnel to contact responsible parties and/or alarm repair company representatives should the alarm need to be reset, has a recurring problem, or respond to the site should it need to be secured.



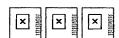
If approved as proposed, the public will receive enhanced service to include:

- * Ability to track registered and unregistered alarm systems
- * Secure online access to account
- * Ability to pay online via credit card
- * Automatically generate notices and send invoices

In addition, the ! City of S anta Clara will benefit from operational efficiencies, improved availability of metrics and an increase in revenue.

Changes to the Municipal Fee Schedule are highlighted in the attached graphic.

Citizen participation at City Council meetings is encouraged, or email MayorandCouncil@santaclaraca.gov. Complete agenda packets, with back-up reports, are available at www.santaclaraca.gov, at City libraries or the City Clerk's Office beginning the Friday prior to the Tuesday meeting. A summary of the Council action is available the Thursday following the meeting at the City Clerk's Office and online.



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Julie Minot

From:

Andrey Tabachnik <seifeet@me.com>

Sent:

Friday, December 6, 2019 10:44 AM

To:

Mayor and Council

Subject:

Hello

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Sorry but I don't think this proposal will benefit our city.

Thank you

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think it is a bad idea to charge an annual fee for an alarm. If anything the city should sponsor it. Alarms will deter burglaries and save city many. This is a really bad proposal. By the way I personally do not have an alarm but I am worried about the consequences of this proposal. It is better to have 10 false alarms than one real burglary that will traumatize the household and will cost thousands of tax-payer dollars to investigate.

Item 2G

Julie Minot

From:

Michael Bierman < Csc.mb@thebiermans.net>

Sent:

Friday, December 6, 2019 12:45 PM

To:

Mayor and Council

Subject:

Re: Opposition to new alarm fees

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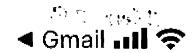
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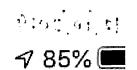
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Julie Minot

From:

David Tay <davidtay@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Friday, December 6, 2019 1:35 PM

To:

Mayor and Council

Subject:

Proposed changes to alarm registration

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Given the housing price, density, insecurity (break ins, package theft,...) increases in Santa Clara, wouldn't it follow that

- 1. There will be more calls for law enforcement
- 2. There are increased revenues from taxes collected

Why then is there a need for further fees?

At the same time, how will the lack of security be addressed in tangible/ measurable ways?

If the police response is lacking or perceived to be lacking would it not follow that the residents take action on their own - ranging from leaving, voting against, funding alternatives,..., demonstrations/ riots,...

There are ample global examples of how things could turn out - Hong Kong,

Once initiated, the cycle of distrust is difficult to break.

David

On the move

Item 26

Julie Minot

From:

Jean Burkley-Molina < jeanburkleymolina@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, December 6, 2019 8:19 PM

To:

Mayor and Council

Subject:

Residential alarm permit program

Does the newly-proposed item for review affect my relationship with SimpliSafe? I am a widow, living on Social Security and certainly do not need any more expensive rules. The present system is working just fine. In addition, I give the city about \$8,500 in taxes per year and would hope upon hope that amount would be sufficient.

Jean Burkley-Molina 1135 Maryann Drive

Sent from my iPad

Julie Minot

From:

Joel Wiesner < joel@wiesneronline.com>

Sent:

Saturday, December 7, 2019 12:30 PM

To:

Mayor and Council

Subject:

Proposed Annual Renewal Fee for Alarm Permits

I want to register my opposition to your proposed annual renewal fee for an alarm permit. This is clearly a blatant attempt to raise money which will not benefit residents of the city in any way.

I have registered my permit.

There is no maintenance required by the police dept for maintaining the registry.

Why charge a fee?

Your stated "enhanced services" will provide me, a resident with an alarm, with NO benefits:

What advantage do I get by having the "ability to track registered and unregistered alarm systems"? NONE

Why would "secure access to account" benefit me if I did not need to pay a useless annual renewal fee? NONE

Why would my "ability to pay online with a credit card" benefit me if there were no useless annual renewal fee? IT WOULD NOT

Why would the ability to "Automatically generate notices and send invoices" benefit me? IT WOULD NOT

Please do not approve this transparent attempt to generate income for a third party vendor at the expense of Santa Clara residents with no benefit.

Our taxes support our police department and they should be sufficient.

As an alternative, if I have not persuaded you, I suggest you eliminate the Alarm Permit.

A Santa Clara resident since 1972,

Joel Wiesner 179 Arcadia Ave

If you want to talk to me, I can be reached at 408-348-6251

Julie Minot

From:

1hmyers1@comcast.net

Sent:

Sunday, December 8, 2019 9:42 PM

To:

Mayor and Council

Subject:

Changes Proposed to Residential and Business Alarm Permit Program

Madam Mayor, Council members, and staff,

When I chose to get a monitored alarm system and a permit over 3 years ago one thing I found attractive was no monthly fee.

Now I am told that to increase efficiency the PD is going to outsource this service and the increased efficiency will cost me \$15/yr. This is called a renewal fee. My permit does not expire so why do I need to renew it? If some action were needed to update the file such as changing alarm company I could understand a fee, but just setting there?

And the false alarm is more strict and expensive. Also, no doubt, as a result of the increased efficiency.

There was no public outreach in time for people to comment or arrange to attend the meeting. (I have a previous commitment this Tue, as it turns out.)

I will be disappointed if this is not at least postponed if not rejected outright.

Certainly more people need to know about this. It is likely to discourage the use of alarms in general and certainly any that notify emergency services.

Thank you,

Howard Myers 1398 Las Palmas Dr Santa Clara, CA 95051 408 316-2391

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From:

Michael Bierman < Csc.mb@thebiermans.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 1:20 PM

To:

Mayor and Council

Subject:

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The discussion on Nextdoor has continued and one more very important item has come up that I think is important to raise aside from the concern I raised previously about the annual fees.

I am concerned by the data security measures of the Contractor.

The Office of the Chief of Police Community Engagement shared that the proposed Agreement with Superion, LLC meets the City of Santa Clara's payment card security standards, which includes but is not limited to:

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All of these are a good start, of course. But they don't speak to the most likely threat: some kind of data breach. Reviewing the proposed contract, I see the following:

"Contractor will not be liable for damages proximately caused by the criminal actions of third parties or for damages caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of any third parties." so if a data breach occurs, the contractor could not be held responsible even if they were negligent in securing our data. If the City were sued, we all would pay the costs of a data breach in addition to the risks associated with stolen personal data. Data breaches are now commonplace. Malware often extorts cities to pay great sums in order to restore their data so this isn't an outlandish possibility. It seems to me that this issue should be covered in a contract with any Contractor.

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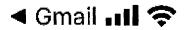
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