## ORDINANCE NO. <u>455</u>

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 337 REQUIRING A PERMIT OF ALARM SYSTEM USERS AND SERVICE CHARGE FOR FALSE ALARMS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ADDISON, TEXAS, ON JUNE 14, 1977, BY AMENDING SECTION 5 TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN PERMITS ARE RENEWED EACH PERMIT HOLDER WILL START OVER AGAIN WITH NO FALSE ALARMS TO BE CARRIED OVER INTO THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS FROM THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS FOR WHICH THE PERMIT WAS ISSUED; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00); PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ADDISON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Addison's Ordinance No. 337, passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Addison, Texas, on June 14, 1977, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Service Charge.

(a) If within any 12 month period following the issuance of a permit three false burglar alarm notifications are emitted from an alarm site, the director shall assess the permit holder in control of that alarm site a fee of \$50.00 for each subsequent false burglar alarm notification emitted from the site. When permits are renewed each permit holder will start over again with no false alarms.

(b) If within any 12 month period following the issuance of a permit three false fire alarm notifications are emitted from an alarm site, the director shall assess the permit holder in control of that alarm site a fee of \$100.00 for each subsequent false fire alarm notification emitted from the site. When permits are renewed each permit holder will start over again with no false alarms to be carried over into the next twelve months from the previous twelve months for which the permit was issued.

(c) The director shall assess the permit holder of a robbery alarm a fee of \$75.00 for each false robbery alarm notification emitted from the alarm site.

(d) The director shall assess the permit holder of an emergency medical assistance alarm a fee of \$50.00 for each false emergency medical assistance alarm notification enitted from the alarm site.

(e) A permit holder shall pay a fee assessed under this section within 30 days after receipt of notice that it has been assessed.

(f) The permit holder will be exempt from any fee charged for a false alarm notification which is later shown to have been justified or which was due to a natural or manmade catastrophy or other situation specifically exempted by the director.

SECTION 2. That any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon commission, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to a fine not to exceed the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense, and each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 3. That should any paragraph, sentence, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or

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unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance as a whole.

SECTION 4. The fact that the present ordinance is inadequate creates an urgency and an emergency and in the preservation of public health, safety and welfare, requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ADDISON, TEXAS, this the  $28^{t}$  day of <u>Movember</u>, 1978.

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ATTEST:

CRETARY Harp