

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 721.05 BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (b) IMPLEMENTING A POLICY FOR BUSINESS ALARM DROPS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Section 721.05 be amended by adding a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

“721.05 FALSE ALARMS.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 509.07 of the Codified Ordinances, a charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be assessed for each false emergency alarm. Such fee shall be assessed against the owner, agent or person in charge of or in the possession of the premises from which the false alarm has emanated.

(b) Every business with a fire protection system will be allowed three (3) false alarms per calendar year, after which, each additional false alarm will have a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fine assessed to the business for the fourth false alarm per year; a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) fine assessed for the fifth false alarm per year; and a three hundred dollar (\$300.00) fine assessed for the sixth false alarm and every false alarm per year thereafter. Each calendar year will begin with three (3) new allowed false alarms without fine.

(c) The Mayor or his authorized representatives may waive the assessment of such false alarm for good cause shown.”

SECTION 2. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary in order to protect Fire Department resources; wherefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council elected or appointed, it shall take effect immediately upon its passage and execution by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: November 18, 2003

Michael J. Jones
President of Council

ATTEST:
Carole Gibson
Clerk of Council

Donald W. Larsen
Mayor
Dated: 11/25/2003