



MEMORANDUM

From the Office of the
Township Manager

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FROM: CHRISTOPHER BASHORE
RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER
25 (ALARM DEVICES) OF THE WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES
DATE: MAY 18, 2023

Before the Board of Supervisors this evening is a proposed ordinance to amend chapter 25 (Alarm Devices) of the West Goshen Township Code of Ordinances. The proposed ordinance would amend section 25-19.A(1) of chapter 25 in order to outline that the first and second false would receive a warning. This would align chapter 25 with the amendment to the Township's fee schedule for false alarms that was approved by the Board at the May 2, 2023 meeting. Please be advised that this section and chapter only addresses alarms associated the false alarm calls responded to by the Police Department. False alarms associated with calls responded to by the fire companies are addressed in chapter 25A of the Code of Ordinances and the language is consistent with the fee structure approved in January.

If authorized for advertisement, the proposed ordinance could be considered for adoption at the June 6, 2023 meeting of the Board.

Please let me know if you have questions. Thank you.

WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. _____ - 2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST GOSHEN, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 25 OF THE WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP CODE, TITLED “ALARM DEVICES”, TO AMEND SECTION 25-19 TITLED “FALSE ALARMS” TO ALLOW TWO FALSE ALARMS IN ONE CALENDAR YEAR BEFORE FINES ARE IMPOSED.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township, that the Code of the Township of West Goshen, specifically Chapter 25, titled, “Alarm Devices”, shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 25-19.A(1) shall be amended as follows:

“A(1). For the purposes of defraying the costs to the Township for responding to false alarms, the owner, lessee or user of any alarm system or automatic dialing device, persons using the services of an intermediary, users of audible alarms and users of any other kind of alarm systems or any other kind of direct or indirect connection with the police communications center, except persons using the two-way live voice communication by telephone, shall, as a condition to installation and continued operation of such equipment or service, execute a consent in such form as may be prescribed by the Township that such owner, lessee or user shall pay the Township for all false alarms (as defined in § 25-1 of this chapter) following the second false alarm in accordance with the false alarm fee schedule established from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. This shall include that for the first and second false alarm per calendar year: a warning; provided, however, that if the Township responds to a false alarm at any location which is not registered and for which a valid permit for the alarm system has not been secured in violation of §§ 25-7 and 25-10, as a condition of registration of the alarm system, the owner, lessee or user shall pay the Township an amount equal to the fee for a third false alarm.”

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any provision, sentence, clause, section or part of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts hereof. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such

