

**City of Cottonwood Shores**

**ORDINANCE 8010**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS, DEFINING AND ESTABLISHING FINES FOR FALSE ALARM SUMMONS FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE.**

**WHEREAS:** The City of Cottonwood Shores provides law enforcement services to its residents and seeks to minimize officer distraction due to false alarms,

**WHEREAS:** The City Council of the City of Cottonwood Shores deems it necessary to apply a penalty to excessive false alarms,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES:**

**SECTION 1: Definitions**

**Alarm System:** Alarm system means a device or system that emits, transmits, or relays a signal intended to summon, or that would reasonably be expected to summon police or fire services of the City, including, but not limited to, local broadcast alarms.

**False alarm:** means an alarm dispatch request to a law enforcement agency and the responding law enforcement officer finds from an inspection of the interior and/or exterior of the alarm site no evidence of a criminal offense or attempted criminal offense.

**Owner:** Party responsible for system(s) triggering false alarm.

- a. Residential – property owner or current tenant
- b. Commercial – current tenant

**SECTION 2: Penalties**

1. Residential
  - a. Beginning with 3<sup>rd</sup> offense through 8<sup>th</sup> offense - \$25.00 per occurrence
  - b. Beginning with 9<sup>th</sup> offense - \$100.00 per occurrence
2. Commercial
  - a. Beginning with 3<sup>rd</sup> offense - \$100 per occurrence

**SECTION 3: Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances:**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 4: Severability:**

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications hereof, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

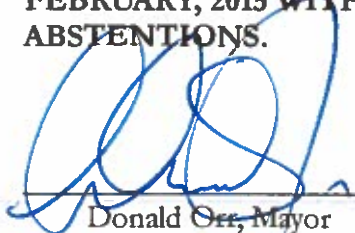
**SECTION 5: Effective Date:**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after the passage and publication in the manner set forth with the provisions of the Local Government Code.

**SECTION 6: Open Meetings:**

It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meetings was given as required by the Open Meetings Act (Chapter 551, Texas Local Government Code).

**ORDINANCE PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS, AT A MEETING ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015 WITH 4 VOTES IN FAVOR, 0 VOTES AGAINST AND 0 ABSTENTIONS.**



Donald Orr, Mayor



Attest:



Sheila C. Moore  
City Administrator/City Secretary