



# City of Huntington Beach

**File #:** 19-200

**MEETING DATE:** 2/19/2019

## REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

**SUBMITTED TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**SUBMITTED BY:** Fred A. Wilson, City Manager

**PREPARED BY:** Robert Handy, Chief of Police

**Subject:**

**Adopt Ordinance No. 4163 amending Huntington Beach Municipal Code Chapter 5.56 related to Alarm Systems both residential and commercial, burglary alarms**

**Approved for introduction February 4, 2019 - Vote: 7-0**

**Statement of Issue:**

False alarms in the City put undue stress on the Police Department's resources and a robust False Alarm Reduction Program is necessary for improved deployment and cost recovery. As part of the program, staff recommends adjusting the false alarm fees and amending Municipal Code Chapter 5.56 to make the sections more robust in seeking compliance for maintaining proper alarm systems, reducing improper or careless use, and requiring more of alarm installation and monitoring companies.

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt Ordinance No. 4163, "An Ordinance of the City of Huntington Beach Repealing Chapter 5.56 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code Relating to Burglar Alarms and Adding Back a Revised Chapter 5.56 Relating to the Regulation of Burglar Alarms."

**Alternative Action(s):**

Do not adopt and direct staff accordingly.

**Environmental Status:**

N/A

**Strategic Plan Goal:**

Enhance and maintain public safety

**Attachment(s):**

1. Ordinance No. 4163, "An Ordinance of the City of Huntington Beach Repealing Chapter 5.56 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code Relating to Burglar Alarms and Adding Back a Revised Chapter 5.56 Relating to the Regulation of Burglar Alarms"
2. Legislative Draft - Ordinance 4163