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ORDINANCE NO. 84-035

RELATING TO BURGLARY, ROBBERY AND/OR INTRUSION ALARM SYSTEMS

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. A new Chapter 10.52 is added to the Snohomish County Code as follows:

Chapter 10.52

BURGLARY, ROBBERY AND/OR INTRUSION ALARM SYSTEMS

- 10.52.010 Creation and Purpose.
- 10.52.020 Filing of Emergency Response Card.
- 10.52.030 "Person" Defined.
- 10.52.040 Unlawful Activation or Report of Alarm.
- 10.52.050 False Alarms; Fines Assessed.
- 10.52.060 Violation - Penalty.
- 10.52.070 Severability.

10.52.010 Creation and Purpose. There is hereby established a Snohomish County ordinance and chapter of the Snohomish County Code which shall regulate the use of Burglary, Robbery and/or Intrusion type alarm systems. It shall be the purpose of this chapter to prevent the possible harm to police officers and citizens sometimes caused as a result of activated alarm systems, as well as to reduce the expense of police participation in responding to those alarms. These purposes shall be met by requiring the persons using the alarm to maintain current informational records with the Sheriff's Department and to immediately report false alarms to the Sheriff's Department as well as immediately correcting such faulty alarm system.

10.52.020 Filing of Emergency Response Card. It is unlawful to have or maintain on any premises a burglary and/or robbery alarm unless there is on file with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department an emergency response card containing the names of such persons authorized to enter such premises and turn off any alarm and current telephone numbers at which such persons can be reached at all times. It is unlawful for any such authorized person to fail to appear and turn off any such alarm within one hour after being notified by the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department to do so.

10.52.030 "Person" Defined. For the purposes of this ordinance, use of the singular terms "person" or "anyone" shall be construed to include the plural of such terms as well as corporations, partnerships, joint stock companies and all other forms of business organization.

10.52.040 Unlawful Activation or Report of Alarm. It is unlawful for anyone to activate any robbery or burglary alarm for purpose of summoning the sheriff except in the event of actual or attempted burglary or robbery.

10.52.050 False Alarms; Fines Assessed. For the purposes of this section, the term "false alarm" shall mean the activation of a burglary and/or robbery alarm by other than forced entry or attempted forced entry to the premises at a time when no burglary or robbery is being committed or attempted on the premises. For a sheriff's response to any false alarm, the sheriff may assess and collect from the person having such a burglary and/or robbery alarm on premises owned or occupied by him, fines as follows:

1. For a response to premises at which no other false alarm has occurred within the preceding six (6) month period, hereinafter referred to as a "first response", no fine shall be assessed, but the person having such a burglary and/or robbery alarm, shall within three (3) working days after notice to do so, make a written report to the sheriff on forms prescribed by him, setting forth the cause of such false alarm, the corrective action taken, whether such alarm has been inspected by an authorized serviceman and such other information as the sheriff may reasonably require in order to determine the cause of such false alarm and corrective action necessary.

2. For the second response to premises within six (6) months after a first response, no fine shall be assessed, but a written report shall be required as for a first response and the sheriff shall be authorized to inspect or cause to be inspected the alarm system at such premises, prescribe necessary corrective action and shall give notice to the person having such alarm system of the conditions and requirements of this section.

3. For a third response to premises within six months of a first response, a fine of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be assessed, and a written report to the sheriff or his designee shall be required within three (3) working days, setting forth the cause of such false alarm, and the corrective action taken.

4. For a fourth response to premises within six months of a first response, a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be assessed, and a written report to the sheriff or his designee shall be required within three

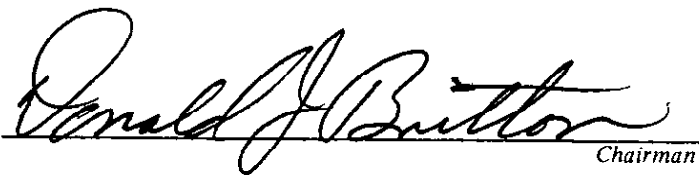
(3) working days, setting forth the cause of such alarm, and the corrective action taken.

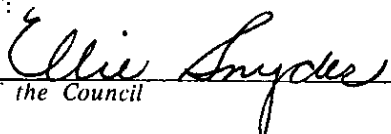
5. For a fifth response to premises within six months of a first response, and for all succeeding responses within six months of the last response, a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall be assessed and if such fifth false alarm or any such succeeding false alarm is a result of failure to take necessary corrective action prescribed by the sheriff, the sheriff may order the disconnection of such alarm system and it shall be unlawful to reconnect such alarm system until such corrective action is taken; provided that no disconnection shall be ordered for any premises required by law to have an alarm system in operation.

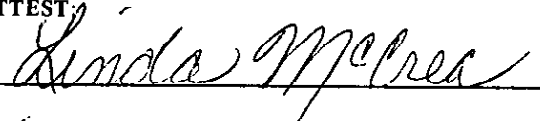
10.52.060 Violation - Penalty. Anyone convicted of a violation of or failure to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) per such violation.

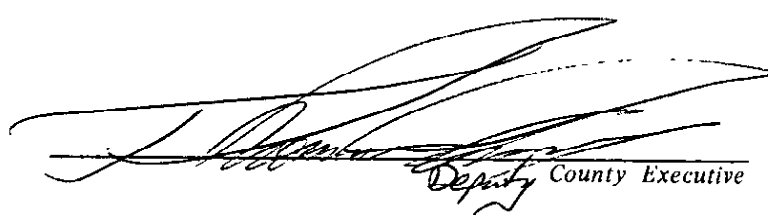
10.52.070 Severability. If any provision of this chapter is held invalid, the remainder of the chapter shall not be affected.

Dated March 21, 1984


Chairman

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