

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (N.C.S.)**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FALSE FIRE ALARM FEES**

WHEREAS, California Business and Professions Code section 7592.8 authorizes cities to enact ordinances governing false alarm activations and responses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas has adopted an ordinance establishing a procedure for the imposition of false alarms and providing that false fire alarm fees are to be set by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the false fire alarm ordinance is to reduce the number of false alarms to conserve resources and sure that public safety services—both police and fire—are available to respond to genuine emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that repeated responses to false fire alarms by the Salinas Fire Department may result in a significant expenditure of Fire Department time and resources and increased cost to the public. The City Council therefore finds that it is necessary and appropriate for the City to seek to recover the costs of repeated responses to false alarms from the persons responsible for such alarms through the imposition of false alarm fees; and

WHEREAS, through an Ordinance adopted by the City Council, multiple false fire alarms occurring during a twelve-month period has been deemed a violation of local law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the false fire alarm fees established by this Resolution is comprised of two elements: (1) a fee to cover the estimated reasonable costs of the Salinas Fire Department's response to false fire alarms and (2) a penalty for multiple false fire alarms.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of Salinas as follows:

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Response</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Response</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Response</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Response</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> or greater</b>
Commercial Occupancies	\$350	\$350	\$800 SFD inspection required	\$1,100	\$1,350 re-inspection required
Residential Occupancies	\$350	\$350	\$800 SFD inspection required	\$1,100	\$1,350 re-inspection required
School/Assembly Occupancies	\$350	\$350	\$800 SFD inspection required	\$1,100	\$1,350 re-inspection required

1. The fees set by this resolution shall be incorporated into the City of Salinas's Fee Schedule and shall thereby be subject to adjustment on an annual basis.

2. The fees set by this resolution shall not be effective until the effective date of the ordinance establishing the false fire alarm fee.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk