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Mayor Bryan K. Barnett  
City of Rochester Hills  
1000 Rochester Hills Drive  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Re: False Alarm Ordinance

Dear Mayor Barnett:

Per City Council's direction and review input from your office and Captain Smith I enclose a proposed false alarms ordinance to replace Sections 42-46 through 42-65 and a new false alarm fee schedule to replace Section 54-436 of the City's Code of Ordinances. The proposed false alarm ordinance addresses Captain Smith's concerns of the public safety impact on false alarms. In particular, the changes establish property owners' responsibility to ensure proper installation, operation and maintenance of alarm systems installed at their properties. By reducing the number of false alarms, the City's public safety agencies will be able to respond to actual emergencies more efficiently and thereby increase the safety and protection afforded City residents and businesses. The ordinance also declares false alarms to be a public nuisance, which will allow the City to make unpaid fines a lien against the property.

The presented ordinances include revisions from the prior drafts modifying the fee schedule assessed for false alarms. To further encourage registration of alarm systems, the initial registration fee has been removed. In its place the ordinance includes a supplementary fee that will be charged for any false alarm that occurs on an unregistered alarm system. If satisfactory, the proposed ordinances may be processed in the usual manner for placement on a City Council agenda.

Very truly yours,

Trey Brice

Enclosure

cc: Captain Robert Smith, Oakland County Sheriff's Dept. (w/enc)  
Ms. Julie Jenuwine (w/enc)