

TOOELE CITY CORPORATION

ORDINANCE 2026-10

AN ORDINANCE OF TOOELE CITY ENACTING TOOELE CITY CODE CHAPTER 9-8 REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF FALSE ALARMS FOR BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS, AND ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS UNDER TOOELE CITY CODE CHAPTER 9-8.

WHEREAS, Tooele City Code ("TCC") Title 9 (Services) governs matters related to various services provided by Tooele City; and,

WHEREAS, many businesses and residences within Tooele City are equipped with security alarms; and,

WHEREAS, the City Administration recognizes the time and resource inefficiencies placed upon the Tooele City Police Department in responding to repeated false alarms, especially when one particular address experiences repeated false alarms within a short time period; and,

WHEREAS, the City Administration, including the Police Chief, recommends the establishment of the civil enforcement provisions attached hereto as Exhibit A, enacting TCC Chapter 9-8; and,

WHEREAS, the City Administration, including the Police Chief, recommends the establishment of an appeal fee in the amount of \$50, for all appeals to the Administrative Hearing Office under TCC Chapter 9-8 (which may in the future be amended by resolution of the City Council):

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TOOELE CITY that:

1. Tooele City Code Chapter 9-8 (Enforcement and Abatement) is hereby enacted as shown in Exhibit A; and,
2. An appeal fee of \$50 hereby incorporated into the Tooele City Fee Schedule, for all appeals to the Administrative Hearing Officer under TCC Chapter 9-8.

This Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health, safety, and welfare of Tooele City and its residents and businesses and shall become effective upon passage, without further publication, by authority of the Tooele City Charter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Ordinance is passed by the Tooele City Council this 6th day of May, 2026.

TOOELE CITY COUNCIL

(For)

(Against)

[Signature]
Melodi Gochis
Justin Brady
Clara & Heam
St McCall

ABSTAINING: _____

MAYOR OF TOOELE CITY

(Approved)

(Disapproved)

[Signature]

ATTEST:

Shilo Baker
 Shilo Baker, City Recorder



Approved as to Form:

[Signature]
 Matthew C. Johnson, City Attorney

Derrick Larson, Asst. City Attorney for

Exhibit A

Proposed TCC Chapter 9-8

CHAPTER 8. RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS ALARMS

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9-8-1. Purpose and scope.

(1) The purpose of this chapter is to require owners to properly use and maintain the operational effectiveness of residential and business security alarm systems in order to improve their reliability and eliminate or reduce false residential and business alarms.

(2) This Chapter governs repeated false alarms designed to summon the Tooele City police department.

9-8-2. Definitions.

As used in this Chapter, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings:

Alarm System – A system, or portion of a system or combination system, consisting of components and circuits arranged to monitor and/or signal initiating device that initiates a response.

False Alarm – The activation of a residential or business alarm, other than a panic alarm designed to elicit immediate police response for a robbery in progress, that results in a response by the police department that:

(1) is caused by mechanical failure, lack of maintenance, malfunction, or improper installation;

(2) is caused by the negligence or intentional misuse of the alarm system by the owner, tenant, or occupant of a premises, or an employee or agent thereof; or,

(3) for which emergency officials cannot determine a cause.

Owner – Any person who owns the premises in which an alarm system is installed. In the event such premises are leased to a third party, the term Owner shall mean both the owner of the property and the tenant in possession of the premises, and any responsibilities for the alarm system and fees assessed hereunder shall be joint and several for both the owner and tenant.

Police Department – Tooele City police department.

Premises – Any building or structure, or combination of buildings and structures, in which an alarm system is installed.

Service or Serve – Personal delivery or delivery via

regular U.S. mail to both the physical address of the premises and to the address of the record owner of the premises if different than the physical address of the premises. Service is deemed effective upon personal delivery or 3 days after mailing.

9-8-3. Alarm system activation and response.

(1) The owner of a premises shall be responsible for all activations of a false alarm system thereon.

(2) A police department response to the activation of an alarm system shall be deemed to result when any officer is dispatched to the premises where the alarm has been activated.

9-8-4. Notice and fees for repeated false alarms.

(1) The fourth alarm false alarm in any 365-day period, shall result in the police department serving a Notice of Repeated False Alarm to the owner of the premises where the alarm system has been activated. The notice will indicate the alarm activation and direct the owner to correct the cause of the alarm, and provide warning that subsequent alarms may result in the assessment of fees.

(2) Upon the activation of the fifth false alarm in a 365-day period, the police department will serve a civil citation to the owner of the premises where the alarm system has been activated, punishable as follows in any given 365-day period:

(a) first citation: \$100 fine;

(b) second citation: \$250 fine; and,

(c) third and subsequent citations: \$500 fine.

9-8-5. Appeals.

(1) An owner may appeal a Notice of Repeated False Alarms or a civil citation in writing and shall set forth the reasons for the appeal.

(2) All appeals shall be filed with the City Recorder within 10 days of service of the Notice being appealed.

(3) All appeals shall be accompanied with the payment of an appeal fee set forth in the Tooele City fee schedule. Appeal fees shall be returned to the owner if the Notice being appealed is not upheld on appeal.

9-8-6. Collection of fees.

Tooele City is authorized to use all lawful means to collect fees assessed under this Chapter, including but not limited to direct billing by the City Finance Department, referral to a third-party collection agency, and referral to the City Attorney's Office for civil action.