

**Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code to add credit card fees for alarm permit-related charges and to clarify the time-period for false alarm fees.**

**Whereas**, the City is seeking to recover the reasonable costs associated with collecting fee payments by credit card.

**Now therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas:**

**Section 1.** The Corpus Christi Code of Ordinance, Chapter 3 ½, Sec. 3½-2(d) is amended by adding the following language that is underlined (added) and deleting the language that is stricken (~~deleted~~) as delineated below:

(d) The annual, nonrefundable fee for an alarm permit is fifty dollars (\$50.00) for residential and seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for commercial.  
An additional convenience fee of \$1.50 will be added for any fees paid by credit card.

**Section 2.** The Corpus Christi Code of Ordinance, Chapter 3 ½, Sec. 3½-6 is amended by adding the following language that is underlined (added) and deleting the language that is stricken (~~deleted~~) as delineated below:

(a) All service fees owed by an applicant must be paid before a permit may be issued or renewed.

(b) No service fee will be charged within any ~~twelve-month~~ one-year permit term period for the first three (3) false alarm notifications.

(c) Except as provided in sections 3½-7 and 3½-22 below, a person who is required to obtain a permit shall pay a service fee for each false alarm notification within any ~~twelve-month-period~~ one-year permit term as described in the following service fee schedule:

False Alarms	Service Fee
First, second and third	Free
Fourth, and fifth	\$50.00
Sixth, and seventh	75.00

Eighth, and subsequent	100.00
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(d) An additional convenience fee of \$1.50 will be added for any fees paid by credit card.

**Section 3.** If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance be given full force and effect for this purpose.

**Section 4.** Publication shall be made in the official publication of the City of Corpus Christi as required by the City Charter of the City of Corpus Christi.

**Section 5.** This ordinance takes effect after official publication.

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the first time and passed to its second reading on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, by the following vote:

Joe McComb	_____	Ben Molina	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Everett Roy	_____
Paulette M. Guajardo	_____	Vacant	_____
Michael Hunter	_____	Greg Smith	_____
Debbie Lindsey-Opel	_____		

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and passed finally on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, by the following vote:

Joe McComb	_____	Ben Molina	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Everett Roy	_____
Paulette M. Guajardo	_____	Vacant	_____
Michael Hunter	_____	Greg Smith	_____
Debbie Lindsey-Opel	_____		

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Huerta  
City Secretary

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Joe McComb  
Mayor