

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE GIVING OR TURNING IN OF FALSE 47-167  
FIRE ALARMS IN THE CITY OF DE LEON, TEXAS, DEFINING OFFENSES,  
PROVIDING A REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND  
CONVICTION OF VIOLATORS OF THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR  
THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE, AND DECLARING EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DE LEON, TEXAS:

Section 1. From and after the effective date of this ordinance,  
it shall be unlawful for any person to turn in or give a false fire  
alarm or signal within the City Limits of De Leon, Texas, or to cause  
the Volunteer Fire Department to make an unnecessary trip or run; either  
in person or by telephone.

Section 2. Any person giving or furnishing information leading to the  
arrest and final conviction of any person for violation of Section 1  
of this ordinance shall receive a reward from the City of De Leon, Texas,  
or \$10.00 in each and every case; said reward to be paid out of the  
General Fund of said City, and to be paid only in the event of final  
arrest and conviction of the culprit.

Section 3. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION. Any person convicted of violation  
of Section 1 of this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$25.00 with  
costs of court for conviction on the first offense; and not less than  
\$25.00 and not more than \$100.00, with costs of court, for conviction  
upon the second or any subsequent offense.

Section 4. DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY. The fact that there is not now  
in force in this City any ordinance specifically dealing with the  
problem of false fire alarms, <sup>and</sup> that the practice of turning in false  
fire alarms has become widespread and is detrimental to the health,  
safety, welfare, and peace of mind of the citizens of said City,  
creates an imperative public demand and necessity, that the rule  
requiring the reading of ordinances upon two separate meetings  
of the City Commission be suspended and dispensed with, and that  
this ordinance shall take effect immediately after same shall have  
been published in two (2) successive issues of the De Leon Free Press,  
covering a period of not less than ten (10) days from the date of the  
first publication.

The City Secretary shall note upon this ordinance the effective  
date of same, in accordance with the provisions of Article 7, Section 16,  
of the City Charter of this City. Passed this 28th day of January, A.D.  
1947.

F. T. Daniell  
F. T. Daniell, Mayor.

Attest:

Rosie Upshaw  
City Secretary.

Endorsement: The effective date of this ordinance shall be February 11,  
1947, in accordance with the provisions of Art. 7, Sec. 16, of the City  
Charter of the City of De Leon, Texas.

Seal.

Rosie Upshaw  
City Secretary.