

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE GIVING OR TURNING IN OF FALSE
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,
of \$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, ~~and~~ 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.

Attest:

Rope 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.

F. F. Daniell
City Secretary.

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F. F. Daniell, Mayor.

Be it remembered that at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of DeLeon, Texas, held at the City Hall in DeLeon, Texas on Tuesday, January 28, 1947 at 7 P.M. at which meeting were present, Mayor F. T. Daniell, City Commissioners A. H. Bibby, A. W. Sloan and Hollie Hafford, City Secretary, Roxie Upshaw, and City Attorney Frederick G. Harmon, the hereto attached ordinance was, at the request of Mayor F. T. Daniell, presented for consideration and fully discussed. It appearing to the Commission that there was presently in effect no valid ordinance prohibiting or regulating the giving of false fire alarms in the City of DeLeon Texas, defining offenses, providing a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the violators of this ordinance, providing penalties for the violation and declaring an emergency. It was duly moved by

Hollie Hafford, second by A. H. Bibby that the ordinance be adopted. Said motion being placed before the Commission by F. T. Daniell, it received ~~##~~ 3 affirmative votes to 0 dissenting votes, and was declared unanously adopted.

It further appearing that said ordinance was an emergency matter, due to the fact that the City has no ordinance prohibiting these offenses and that this was a menace to the peace of the City, and was being practised quite a bit lately, and that under such conditions this was declared an emergency requiring that the reading of said Ordinance at two separate meetings of the City Commission be dispensed with, and that the same should be placed upon its final reading and hearing and passed immediately, it was accordingly moved that the rule requiring such reading upon two separate meetings of the City Commission be suspended, and that the Ordinance be placed upon its final reading and passage at this time, said motion being made by A. W. Sloan, and seconded by Hollie Hafford and said motion being placed before the City Commission by Mayor, F. T. Daniell, same was unanously adopted by a vote of 3 to 0 and it was ordered that said ordinance be effective immediately after the expiration of the necessary publication period, and the City Secretary was directed to effect the publication of said ordinance and note thereon the effective date thereof.