

ORDINANCE 1543

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO THE CITY'S FALSE ALARMS CODE; REPEALING SECTION 9.16.030 OF THE GIG HARBOR MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING EMERGENCY RESPONSE CARDS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Gig Harbor Municipal Code (GHMC) 9.16.030 prescribes "It is unlawful to have or maintain on any premises a burglary and/or robbery alarm unless there is on file with the Gig Harbor Police Department an emergency response card containing the name(s) and current telephone number(s) of person(s) authorized to enter such premises and turn off any such alarm at all hours of the day and night. (Ord. 529 § 2, 1988)"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor recognizes the importance of maintaining an effective and updated ordinance regarding alarm systems to support public safety and operational efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the current ordinance, enacted in 1988, requires the maintenance of emergency response cards for each burglary and/or robbery alarm system within city limits; and

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor Police Department does not currently maintain, nor has the technological infrastructure or operational capacity to manage a system of emergency response cards; and

WHEREAS, advancements in alarm system technology, including automated call lists, mobile app integration, and direct communication with alarm monitoring services, have rendered the emergency response card system obsolete and unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, the requirement for emergency response cards has become outdated, and its continued inclusion in the ordinance imposes an administrative burden on both the police department and the public with no corresponding public safety benefit; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the city to remove this obsolete requirement;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor, Washington, do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Repeal. Section 9.16.030 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code requiring emergency response cards for burglary and/or robbery alarms is hereby repealed.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

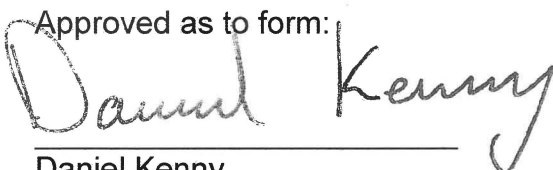
Section 3. Correction of Errors. The city clerk and codifiers of the ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary consisting of the title.


ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Gig Harbor at a regular meeting thereof, held this 12th day of May, 2025.



Mary K. Barber
Mayor

Approved as to form:


Daniel Kenny
City Attorney

Attest:


Joshua Stecker, CMC
City Clerk