

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE IV OF THE COUNTY OF GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO **REQUIRE ALARM USERS TO PROVIDE FOR A BIENNIAL ALARM USER REGISTRATION RENEWAL PROCESS AND FEE.**

WHEREAS, Section 11-46(c) of the County of Greenville, South Carolina Code of Ordinances provides that a Security Alarm System User is required to update information contained in an Alarm System User Permit within thirty (30) days in the event the alarm user changes addresses; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of Greenville County Council that Security Alarm System Users are failing to consistently update the information contained in their Alarm System User Permit as required by Section 11-46(c) of the County of Greenville, South Carolina Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of Greenville County Council set forth in Section 11-41 of the County of Greenville, South Carolina Code of Ordinances for enacting the provisions of Section 11, Article IV is “to encourage security alarm users and alarm system monitoring companies to maintain the operational reliability and proper use of security alarm systems in order to reduce unnecessary Sheriff’s Office responses to false alarms” thereby facilitating Sheriff’s Office resources for legitimate requests for assistance and other law enforcement matters; and

WHEREAS, Greenville County Council finds it necessary to amend the provisions of Chapter 11, Article IV of the County of Greenville, South Carolina Code of Ordinances so as to require Security Alarm System Users to renew their Security Alarm System User Permit every two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to recover the costs associated with the necessary renewal process, Greenville County Council finds it necessary to charge Security Alarm System Users a nominal biennial renewal alarm user registration fee of ten dollars (\$10.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL:

Section 1. Amendment. Section 11-46(b) of the County of Greenville, South Carolina Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

“In order to ensure that alarm system users have necessary information properly documented and that violations can be accurately billed and proper notification sent out, all alarm users shall be required to obtain an Alarm User Permit from the Sheriff’s Office. The Alarm User Permit shall be valid for two years from date of issue so long as the permittee remains at the address that is the subject of the Permit. The nonrefundable cost of the original Alarm User Permit shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) and must be renewed every two years. The nonrefundable cost of the biennial Renewal Alarm User Permit shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).”

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 2016.

Bob Taylor, Chairman
Greenville County Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator

ATTEST:

Theresa B. Kizer
Clerk to Council

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Public Hearing:

Third Reading: