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Hayward, Calif.

In a unanimous vote, the city council approved increasing false alarm penalties and establishing a new registration system for alarm users.

The new fine system allows for one false alarm within a one-year period before the city imposes a \$50 fee. The third false alarm costs \$150, the fourth \$300 and the fifth and subsequent alarms costs \$500.

The updated ordinance also asks alarm companies to make two attempts to verify an alarm before calling police, according to a report in The Daily Review. Alarm companies that do not follow this new policy face a \$250 fine.

Alarm owners must also register their security system, which comes with a \$25 fee. If not, alarm owners will be fined \$250.

North Las Vegas, Nev.

North Las Vegas, which currently does not charge for false burglar alarms, is reconsidering its approach. The city is studying whether it should impose fees for false burglar and fire alarms, according to a report in the Las Vegas Sun.

The false alarm fee proposal was part of a management audit recommendation as a way to balance public safety budgets.

How much the city would charge for false fire and burglar alarms has yet to be determined, but the Clark County Fire Department allows two false alarms within 60 days before imposing a penalty. A third false alarm in 30 days could cost \$500.

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