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DATE: February 24, 2010  
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
FROM: Oceanside Police Department  
SUBJECT: **ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, SECTION 6A.4 OF THE OCEANSIDE CITY CODE TO EXEMPT ALARMS INSTALLED IN POLICE FACILITIES FROM THE PROHIBITIONS CONTAINED IN SAID ORDINANCE**

**SYNOPSIS**

Staff and the Police and Fire Commission recommend that the City Council adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Section 6A.4, of the Oceanside City Code to exempt alarms installed in police facilities from the prohibitions contained therein, which would enable the Police Communications Center to directly monitor intrusion alarms at police facilities.

**BACKGROUND**

The Police Department has three alarmed facilities: The Property/Evidence office located at the City Operations Center, the police armory and the SWAT storage area, both located at the Police Department. These alarms are currently being monitored by a private vendor who, upon receipt of an alarm activation, calls the Police Communications Center to have officers dispatched.

Staff feels it would be more efficient and save the City approximately \$195 per month if these alarms were monitored directly by the Police Communications Center, which would eliminate the need for a private vendor at those facilities.

**ANALYSIS**

The current Oceanside City Code, Section 6A.4 reads:

The installation of any alarm system which, when activated, would cause a signal or message to be sent directly to the police and fire department administrative offices, fire stations or the police and fire communication center by telephone or by any other means, is strictly prohibited.

Staff recommends that the Chapter be amended to read as follows:

The installation of any alarm system which, when activated, would cause a signal or message to be sent directly to the police and fire department administrative offices, fire stations or the police communications center by telephone or by any other means, is strictly prohibited. This section shall not apply to any alarm system that is installed in and that monitors any portion of any building or facility utilized by the police department where the installation of the alarm system is authorized by the Chief of Police.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Cost savings of approximately \$195 per month.

**COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT**

This item was presented to the Police and Fire Commission on February 18, 2010.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

The ordinance has been reviewed by the City Attorney and approve as to form.

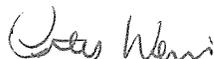
**RECOMMENDATION**

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Clerk

  
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City Attorney

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