

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING
CHAPTER 5.59 OF THE RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING FIRE
ALARM SYSTEMS.

The City Council of the City of Riverside does ordain as follows:

Section 1: Section 5.59.060 of the Riverside Municipal Code is amended as follows:

“Section 5.59.060 Nuisance alarms.

The fire department may declare an alarm system at a specific location to be a nuisance if such fire alarm system activates excessive false fire alarms. The City Council hereby finds and determines that three false fire alarms within a 365-day period is excessive and thereby constitutes a public nuisance. The fire department may not consider any false fire alarm in this computation of nuisance alarms if such was generated by earthquakes, high intensity winds, or unusual acts of nature. Nuisance alarms shall be considered that are the result of the negligence of the fire alarm user, the agents or employees of the fire alarm user or a defect in the fire alarm system. After six false fire alarms within a 365 day period, the fire alarm system will be required to be certified per NFPA 72, the National fire alarm Code.”

Section 2: The City Council has reviewed the matter and, based upon the facts and information contained in the staff reports, administrative record, and written and oral testimony, hereby finds that this ordinance is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3) and/or 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, in that it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment nor have a significant impact on the environment.

Section 3: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 414 of the Charter of the City of Riverside. This ordinance shall become effective on the 30th day after the date of its adoption.

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ADOPTED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2025.

PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
Mayor of the City of Riverside

Attest:

DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced at a meeting of the City Council on the ____ day of _____, 2025, and that thereafter the said ordinance was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council on the ____ day of _____, 2025 by the following vote, to wit:

- Ayes:
- Noes:
- Absent:
- Abstain:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Riverside, California, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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