

CITY OF GREENACRES

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
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TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Thomas J. Lanahan, Acting City Manager

FROM: Michael L. Porath, Public Safety Director

RE: **ORDINANCE 2016-06**
Amendments to Burglar Alarm Ordinance

DATE: December 28, 2015

COPIES: James D. Stokes, City Attorney
Denise McGrew, City Clerk

Background:

In 2008, Palm Beach County adopted an Alarm Ordinance which is administered by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. It is effective for all of unincorporated Palm Beach County and for municipalities which contract with the Sheriff's Office for law enforcement and which do not have their own regulations for alarms.

In 2009, the City adopted regulations for burglar alarm systems to be administered by the City's Public Safety Department and codified in Chapter 4.

Pursuant to the Agreement for Law Enforcement Services by and between the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and the City of Greenacres that was signed on August 18, 2015, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office will be the contracted Law Enforcement Agency within the corporate limits of the City of Greenacres beginning February 1, 2016.

Analysis:

With the transition of all City police staff to the Sheriff's Office, there will be nobody to administer the City's burglar alarm regulations. Use of the County Alarm Ordinance will resolve this issue and also improve efficiency. If the City were to repeal the Greenacres regulations, the County Alarm Ordinance would go into effect automatically per Section 16-62 of that Ordinance.

Ordinance 2016-06 provides for the repeal of Chapter 4, Article II, Sections 4-20 through 4-26 which contains the City's burglar alarm regulations and adoption of

a reference to the County's alarm regulations in Chapter 16, Article III, Section 16-5 through 16-64 of the county code.

Financial:

N/A

Legal:

This ordinance has been prepared in accordance with applicable City Code requirements.

Staff Recommendation:

Adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-06 on first reading.

Michael L. Porath
Public Safety Director

Attachments:

1. Ordinance 2016-06
2. Palm Beach County Alarm Ordinance