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ORDINANCE NO. 1450

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ATTACHMENT OF FIRE EARLY WARNING ALARM SYSTEMS CONNECTIONS AND INTERCONNECTIONS AND/OR AUTOMATIC DIALING PRACTICES TO THE CITY FIRE TELEPHONE LINES, INCLUDING AND PROVIDING A PENALTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS there have been connected to City fire emergency telephone lines fire early warning alarm systems operated by smoke detection and by rate of rise (heat detector censor) which results in a block off or tie up of City fire lines for six minutes which could be disastrous and the same should be prohibited, therefore,

THE CITY OF HOOD RIVER ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Definitions.

1. "Alarm System" means any assembly of equipment, mechanical or electrical, arranged to signal the presence of smoke or of a rapid rise of temperature or other activity requiring urgent attention and to which the fire department resources of the City are expected to respond.

2. "Automatic dialing device" means a device which is interconnected to a telephone line and is programmed to transmit by voice, message or code signal a selected telephone number indicating a need for an emergency response.

3, "City fire lines" are all telephone lines used by the City serving city fire department or to any of its offices.

4. "Interconnect" means to connect an alarm system including any automatic dialing device to a telephone line either directly or through a mechanical device that utilizes a telephone for the purpose of using the city fire lines to transmit a message upon the activation of the alarm system.

Section 2: Automatic Dialing Device. Interconnections

prohibited.

1. It is unlawful for any person to program an automatic dialing device to any city fire line.

2. All existing automatic dialing devices programmed or connected to city fire lines shall be disconnected lines.

Section 3: Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not effect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

Section 4: Enforcement and Penalties.

1. Enforcement of this ordinance may be by civil action as provided by ORS 30.315 or by criminal prosecution for violation of this ordinance.

2. Violation of this ordinance shall be punished upon conviction by fine of not more than \$500.00.

Section 5: Emergency. This ordinance is passed in the interest of the protection of the peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Hood River and therefore an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Read for the first time: March 27, 1979.

Read for the second time: April 10, 1979.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Hood River
this 10th day of April, 1979.

Dorothy M. Snyers
City Recorder

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Hood River
this 10th day of April, 1979.

Charles F. Beardsley
Mayor