



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: March 15, 2016

TITLE: Resolution Delegating Authority to Settle Unpaid Alarm Fees to the City
Manager

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution delegating the authority to settle any debt arising from unpaid alarm response fees to the City Manager.

Background

The Police Department has implemented new procedures to remind alarm users of delinquent charges and encourage the payment of outstanding balances. This initiative has resulted in increased payments and the reduction of the outstanding balances however; it has also increased the number of calls to discuss the basis of the charges. Likewise, there has been an increase in the number of individuals requesting the waiver of the fees or reduction of the outstanding balance due to anecdotal reasons and particular details. The Police Department lacks the authority to waive or reduce fees in these circumstances. It is therefore recommended that authority be delegated to the City Manager to settle any debt arising from unpaid alarm response fees.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management.

Attachment

Exhibit 1: Resolution

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