

CITY OF JEANNETTE
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

BILL NO. 18-12

ORDINANCE NO. 18-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 15-02; TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS RELATING TO FIRE ALARM IMPAIRMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND TESTING ACTIVITIES; PROMULGATING REGULATIONS FOR FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS IN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Act 70 of 1998 authorizes municipalities to regulate the installation and use of fire alarm systems; and

WHEREAS, the Third Class City Code, 53 P.S. 37403(60), affords the City of Jeannette with the power “to make and adopt all such ordinances, by-laws, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with or restrained by the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, as may be expedient or necessary for the proper management, care and control of the city and its finances, and the maintenance of the peace, good government, safety and welfare of the city, and its trade, commerce and manufactures.”

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Jeannette, Fayette County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained as follows:

Section 1. Fire Alarm System Impairments, Maintenance, and Testing Activities. A new Section VII shall be inserted in the Ordinance and the current Section VII and all subsequent sections shall be renumbered accordingly. The new Section VII shall read as follows:

Section VII:

A. Any person impairing or performing maintenance and/or testing of an alarm system shall be required to first contact the Jeannette Fire Department to advise them of (i) the address at which he or she will be performing such activities and (ii) the status of the automatic alarm and/or automatic fire suppression system.

B. No person shall be permitted to access, disconnect, or disable any municipal alarm system master box without the express approval and involvement of the Jeannette Fire Department.

C. At the conclusion of any alarm system impairment, maintenance, or testing activities, the person performing such activities shall call the Jeannette

Fire Department and advise the Jeannette Fire Department that such activities are complete and the status of the alarm system. If the premises are equipped with a municipal alarm system master box, the Jeannette Fire Department will confirm that such master box has been reset correctly and is back in service. The person performing such activities shall also call any alarm monitoring companies or services involved with such alarm system to confirm that the alarm system is back online before leaving the premises. Any person found to be in violation of this ordinance, including, without limitation, any person causing an alarm system or suppression system to be impaired or in test status with an alarm monitoring company or service without being at the premises for safety monitoring and firewatch, may be cited for such violation.

D. If an alarm is transmitted as a result of impairment, maintenance, or testing activities performed by a person who failed to notify the Jeannette Fire Department before performing such activities and such alarm transmission results in a response by the Jeannette Fire Department, such person shall be subject to pay the false alarm charge provided in this ordinance on the first such offense and may be cited for such violation.

Section 2. Fire Alarm Regulations for Commercial Buildings. A new Section VIII shall be inserted in the Ordinance and the current Section VIII and all subsequent sections shall be renumbered accordingly. The new Section VIII shall read as follows:

Section VIII:

The City of Jeannette hereby adopts the regulations promulgated by the Jeannette Fire Department, including, without limitation, those regulations relating to NFPA 72, for the installation, maintenance, and use of alarm systems in commercial buildings.

Section 3. Severability. It is herein declared that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any provisions, portions, or sections of this Ordinance are declared to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, the decisions of any Court, which makes declarations, shall not impair or affect any of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Repealer. Any ordinance or part of any ordinance that conflicts with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict on the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its enactment.

This Ordinance is duly ORDAINED AND ENACTED by a majority of the members of the City Council of the City of Jeannette at a duly advertised public meeting held on the 10th day of May, 2018.

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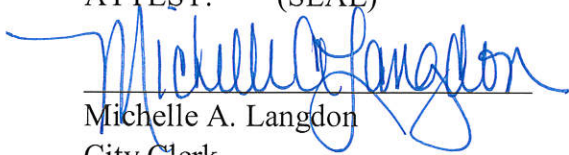
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By: 
Curtis J. Antoniak
Mayor and President of Council

ATTEST: (SEAL)


Michelle A. Langdon
City Clerk