

1 [Police Code - Refunds of Police Emergency Alarm Fees]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Police Code to revise the procedures for alarm companies**  
4 **and alarm users to claim refunds or credits of overpaid alarm fees under the Police**  
5 **Emergency Alarm Ordinance.**

6 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.  
7 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underlined italics Times New Roman font*.  
8 **Deletions to Codes** are in ~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman font~~.  
9 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.  
10 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.  
11 **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code  
12 subsections or parts of tables.

13 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

14 Section 1. Article 37 of the Police Code is hereby amended by revising  
15 Section 3710.7, to read as follows:

16 **SEC. 3710.7. REFUNDS.**

17 (a) An alarm company may claim a refund, or claim a credit ~~or~~ against fees to be  
18 collected and remitted under this Article 37, of the amount overpaid or paid more than once or  
19 erroneously or illegally collected or received by the City by, within one year of the payment of such  
20 amount: (1) filing a claim for refund in writing with the Controller in the manner provided in Sections  
21 6.15-1 et seq. of the Business and Tax Regulations Code; or (2) filing a request for refund or credit in  
22 writing with the Tax Collector; provided, however, that neither a refund nor a credit shall be  
23 allowed unless the amount of the fee so collected has either been refunded to the person  
24 entitled thereto or credited to the charges subsequently payable by such person to the alarm  
25 company. The statute of limitations for filing a claim for refund with the Controller under

1        subsection (a)(1) shall not be tolled and shall continue to run while a person's request for refund under  
2        subsection (a)(2) is pending.

3            (b) An alarm user may obtain a refund of fees overpaid or paid more than once or  
4        erroneously or illegally collected or received by the City ~~and County~~ by, within one year of the  
5        payment of such amount: (1) filing a claim for refund in writing with the Controller in the manner  
6        provided in Sections 6.15-1 et seq. of the Business and Tax Regulations Code; or (2) filing a request for  
7        refund in writing with the Tax Collector; but provided, however, that this subsection (b) shall apply  
8        only when the fee was paid by the alarm user directly to the Tax Collector, or when the alarm  
9        user, having paid the fee to the alarm company, establishes to the satisfaction of the Tax  
10      Collector that the alarm user has been unable to obtain a refund from the alarm company who  
11      collected the fee. The statute of limitations for filing a claim for refund with the Controller under  
12      subsection (b)(1) shall not be tolled and shall continue to run while a person's request for refund under  
13      subsection (b)(2) is pending.

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15        Section 2. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors  
16      intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,  
17      numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal  
18      Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment  
19      additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under  
20      the official title of the ordinance.

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22        Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
23      enactment, and shall apply to fees paid on or after the effective date of this ordinance.  
24      Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance  
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1 unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of  
2 Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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4 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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