Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The City Attorney and MPD suggest that perhaps fewer than a dozen citations might be issued on an annual basis; therefore, only a minimal impact on General Fund revenues derived from fines is anticipated.

Title

Creating Section 24.01 of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit the calling of “911” when no emergency exists and amending Sec. 1.08 to establish bail deposits for violations.

Body

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This ordinance prohibits false emergency calls to be reported to city departments when no emergency exists. It also prohibits a parent or guardian from permitting a child to make a false “911” call. It also establishes bail deposits if the ordinance is violated.

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The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

1. Section 24.01 entitled “Unlawful Use of Emergency Telephone Number” of the Madison General Ordinances is created to read as follows:

“**24.01 UNLAWFUL USE OF EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER.**

(1) It shall be unlawful to intentionally dial the emergency telephone number “911” to report an emergency to city departments knowing that the fact situation reported does not exist.

(2) No parent, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of a child shall suffer or permit or by inefficient control all such child to violate subsection (1).

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be subject of a penalty not more than one thousand dollars ($1000).”

2. Subdivision (a) of Subsection (3) entitled “Schedule of Deposits” of Section 1.08 entitled “Issuance of Citations for Violations of Certain Ordinances and Providing a Schedule of Cash Deposits” of the Madison General Ordinances is amended by creating and amending therein the following:

“Unlawful Use of 911.	24.01	$300, 1st
		$500, 2nd
		$750, 3rd & sub”

EDITOR’S NOTE: New bail deposits must be approved by the Municipal Judge prior to adoption. These deposits have been so approved.