

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Engineering & Construction Management

**AGENDA DATE:** Introduction: April 17, 2012 and Public Hearing: May 1, 2012

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** R. Alan Shubert, City Engineer (541-4423)

**DISTRICT AFFECTED:** City Wide

**SUBJECT:**

An ordinance amending Title 5 (Business License and Permit Regulations), Chapter 5.13 (Security Alarm Systems), Sections 5.13.040 (Permit Term) and 5.13.050 (Permit Renewal) of the El Paso City Code to provide an option for a one year permit in certain cases, the penalty being as provided in chapter 1.08 of the El Paso City Code.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

On December 6, 2011 the City Council adopted an ordinance amending Title 5 (Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations) in its entirety. The purpose of these revisions was to simplify and clarify requirements and eliminate antiquated regulations. All changes went into effect on February 29, 2012. As part of these adopted revisions, the permit term for a security alarm system (under chapter 5.13) was modified from an annual permit to a three year permit. This change was implemented to reduce transactional costs and inconvenience to residential and commercial property owners that were previously required to obtain and renew a security alarm permit every year while their interest in the property most often spans over a number of years. To provide for greater flexibility, the amendments brought forward will also allow for a one year option.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

Ordinance amending Title 5 was approved on December 6, 2011

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

(N/A)

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** \_\_\_\_\_



*Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSE AND PERMIT REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 5.13 (SECURITY ALARM SYSTEMS), SECTIONS 5.13.040 (PERMIT TERM) AND 5.13.050 (PERMIT RENEWAL) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE, TO PROVIDE AN OPTION FOR A ONE YEAR PERMIT IN CERTAIN CASES, THE PENALTY BEING AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 1.08 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

**Section 1.** That Title 5 (Business License and Permit Regulations), Chapter 5.13 (Security Alarm Systems), Sections 5.13.040 (Permit Term) and 5.13.050 (Permit Renewal), of the El Paso City Code be amended as follows:

**5.13.040 Permit term**

Permits issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire three years from the date of issuance, unless otherwise established, suspended or revoked. A permit may be issued for a one year period in cases of economic need or hardship at one-third the established three year fee.

**5.13.050 Permit renewal**

If, thirty days prior to the expiration of the permit, there are no outstanding violations, citations or fees owed to the city by the permit holder which are directly related to the permit, the permit may be renewed for a period of three years, or as provided in 5.13.040, upon the filing of a new application and payment of the established fee.

**Section 2.** Except as herein provided, Title 5 (Business License and permit Regulations) shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3.** The effective date of this ordinance shall be the date signed by the Mayor for the City of El Paso. This ordinance shall be applicable to all permit applications received on or after that date.

**(Signatures begin on following page)**

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

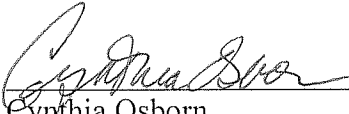
**CITY OF EL PASO**

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John F. Cook  
Mayor


**ATTEST:**

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Cynthia Osborn  
Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

  
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R. Alan Shubert, P.E.  
City Engineer