

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH AOT PUBLIC SAFETY CORPORATION TO IMPLEMENT AND PROVIDE THE DULUTH FALSE ALARM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement, substantially in the form of that on file in the office of the city clerk as Public Document No. _____, with AOT Public Safety Corporation (AOT) pursuant to which it will implement and provide the Duluth false alarm management program, the city and AOT to share net revenues as follows: City - 65 percent, AOT - 35 percent; fees collected by AOT payable into Fund 110, Department 160, Organization 1610, Revenue Source 4329, and any delinquent fees collected by the city via assessments payable from Fund 110.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

Department Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes an agreement for the implementation and provision of false alarm tracking and billing services. On May 9, 2009, the city adopted an ordinance related to alarm systems and false alarms which becomes effective January 1, 2010. The goal of the ordinance is to encourage more responsible use of alarm systems and to reduce the number of false alarms to which peace officers must respond by accurately tracking false alarm instances and assessing fees and penalties as required by the ordinance.

Using its software system called CryWolf®, AOT can assist the city in accessing information relevant to false alarms. Specifically, AOT will register responsible persons who use alarm systems, issue and notify of alarm permits and permit fees, issue and notify of false alarm penalties in accordance with the ordinance and at the direction and under the supervision of the city, maintain a database of registered persons who use alarm systems, manage false alarm occurrences, collect fees, collect and enforce penalties for violations, generate performance and outcome reports and assure the availability to the City of false alarm information. Bank fees, refunds to alarm users and third-party credit card processing charges will be subtracted from gross revenues. Net revenues will be split 65 percent to the city and 35 percent to AOT. The initial contract term is three years with three additional one year options.