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**Referred to the
Committee on Finance**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Businesses, Trades, and Professions” Chapter 9-300, “Communication,” Section 9-305, “Burglary, Theft and Robbery Alarm Systems”, by revising the fee for alarm system registrations by eliminating the annual renewal requirement and changing the penalty fee structure, and making related changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 9. REGULATION OF BUSINESSES, TRADES AND PROFESSIONS.

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CHAPTER 9-300. COMMUNICATION.

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§9-305. Burglary, Theft and Robbery Alarm Systems.

(2) Alarm System Registration.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any alarm user to install, operate or maintain an alarm system unless such alarm user has registered its alarm system.

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(.1) All Alarm systems shall be registered on forms provided by the Department of Licenses and Inspections *at the time of installation*.

(.2) The application for alarm system registration shall contain information necessary for the enforcement of this Section and it shall be the responsibility of the alarm user to report any changes in the registration information to the Department of Licenses and Inspections within five (5) days of the change.

(.3) The [annual] *initial* fee for the alarm system registration shall be fifty (\$50.00) dollars, *with no annual renewal fee*. Where one (1) or more alarm systems protects two (2) or more premises, a separate registration is required for each premises. On and after the effective date of the necessary implementing regulations, such fee shall be paid over to and collected by the intermediary, who shall pay such fees over to the Department upon such schedule and pursuant to such procedures as the Department shall establish, by regulation.

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(7) Administration and Enforcement

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(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any alarm user to whom a notice of violation is issued may, within eight (8) days of receipt, pay [seventy-five dollars (\$75)] *thirty-five dollars (\$35)* with respect to a notice of violation of Section 9-305(4)(a) or pay one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) with respect to a notice of violation of Section 9-305(2)(a), (4)(b) or (5), in lieu of contesting the violation and in lieu of any other fines or penalties. The notice of violation shall contain an appropriate notice to the recipient of his or her right not to contest the violation and appropriate instructions and procedures for payment, as prescribed by the Director of Finance.

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SECTION 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2017.

Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.
Italics indicate matter added.