



# City of Smyrna

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## Issue Sheet

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### **\$ IMPACT:**

#### **Agenda Title:**

Approval of Ordinance 2020-14, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Smyrna, Georgia, by adding a new section, "Third Party Maintenance and Reporting of Records for Fire and Life Safety Systems" in Chapter 50, "Fire Prevention and Protection" and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.

### **ISSUE AND BACKGROUND:**

It is estimated that up to 50% of all fire and life safety systems go untested and maintained each year resulting in an increased number of false alarms and unintentional danger to occupants. The fire department is requesting this amendment to improve compliance with the adopted fire and life safety code and increase efficiency within the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

This amendment provides a secure path for all monthly, quarterly, and annual system inspections, testing, and maintenance required by the adopted codes and the National Fire Protection Association, to be delivered to the Smyrna Fire Department through an approved third-party inspection reporting system.

Adopting this amendment will allow the Fire Marshal's Office to more efficiently process, manage and document compliance reports and will create a platform for more effective communication between property owners, contractors and inspectors regarding deadlines, testing and system deficiencies.

There will be no change in the fee schedule resulting from the adoption of this ordinance; the only fee associated with the program would be assessed by the third-party vendor and would be the responsibility of the licensed contractor submitting the report.

### **RECOMMENDATION / REQUESTED ACTION:** Fire Chief Roy Acree and Fire

Prevention Division Chief Dustin Davey recommend approval to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Smyrna, Georgia, by adding a new section, "Third Party Maintenance and Reporting of Records for Fire and Life Safety Systems" in Chapter 50, "Fire Prevention and Protection" and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.