

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 563

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE CITY'S CRIMINAL CODE RELATED TO FALSE STATEMENTS TO POLICE OFFICERS AND 911 DISPATCHERS AND ADOPTING SECTION 9.100.400 OF THE BURIEN MUNICIPAL CODE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. BMC 9.100.400 is hereby adopted to read as follows:

9.100.400 Making a false or misleading statement to a law enforcement officer or to a 911 dispatcher.

(1) A person is guilty of making a false or misleading statement to a law enforcement officer or to a 911 dispatcher, if he or she:

(a) Knowingly makes a false or misleading material statement to a law enforcement officer; or

(b) Calls the telephone number 9-1-1 and knowingly makes a false alarm or complaint or reports other false information that could result in the dispatch of emergency or law enforcement services.

(2) As used in this section:

(a) "Material statement" means a written or oral statement reasonably likely to be relied upon by a law enforcement officer in the discharge of his or her official powers or duties;

(b) "Law enforcement officer" means any general authority, limited authority, or specially commissioned Washington peace officer or federal peace officer, as those terms are defined in RCW 10.93.020, and other public officers who are responsible for enforcement of fire, building, zoning, and life and safety codes.

(c) "911 dispatcher" means any person who answers calls to the telephone number 9-1-1 for the purpose of dispatching emergency or law enforcement services.

(3) Making a false or misleading statement to a law enforcement officer or to a 911 dispatcher is a gross misdemeanor.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect five days after publication.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 16th DAY OF JULY, 2012, AND SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION OF ITS PASSAGE THIS 16th DAY OF JULY, 2012.

CITY OF BURIEN

/s/ Brian Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

/s/ Monica Lusk, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

/s/ Craig D. Knutson, City Attorney

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