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An Ordinance to Create Section 9.07 of the West Allis Revised Municipal Code Relating to Misuse of 911.

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The Common Council of the City of West Allis do ordain as follows:

PART I. Section 9.07 of the Revised Municipal Code of the City of West Allis is hereby created to read:

9.07 MISUSE OF 911.

(1) Definitions.

“Emergency” is defined as a situation in which immediate response by public safety personnel is essential and an existing or very probable situation exists of bodily harm or life-threatening illness or condition; property damage or loss; or escape of a suspect in a criminal offense or its municipal offense counterpart.

(2) No person shall intentionally dial the emergency telephone number 911 to report an emergency knowing that the fact situation which he or she reports does not exist.

(3) No person shall intentionally dial the emergency telephone number 911 for any other purpose other than to report an emergency.

(4) Penalties.

(a) Any person violating sub. (2) or (3) of this ordinance shall be required to forfeit not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The person shall be required to pay the costs of prosecution. In default of payment thereof, the person shall be imprisoned in the Milwaukee County House of Correction until such forfeiture and costs are paid, but not more than the number of days set forth in sec. 800.095(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes, or by suspension of the defendant's operating privilege, pursuant to Sections 343.30 and 345.47 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Each and every day that an offense continues constitutes a separate offense.

PART II. All ordinances or parts of ordinances contravening the provisions of this ordinance are hereby amended.

PART III. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.