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To: Dayne Walling, Mayor  
Scott Kincaid, Council President  
Peter Bade, City Attorney  
Jerry Ambrose, Finance Director  
Edward J Kurtz, Emergency Manager  
Alvern Lock, Flint Chief of Police  
Darryl Patterson, Flint Police Captain

**RE: City of Flint Home Rule Cities Act, *MCL 117 et seq.* and Master Fee Schedule**

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the Burglar and Fire Alarm Association of Michigan (BFAAM), this letter is to address the above referenced Home Rule Cities Act that was recently adopted in the City of Flint.

This association represents our membership, which includes licensed alarm companies in the State of Michigan. We are strongly opposed to this act and wish to formally go on record as such. In speaking with the majority of our membership, it is a disappointment that neither the Burglar & Fire Alarm Association of Michigan, nor any alarm companies were notified in advance of your intentions. We were also not invited to participate in an amicable solution to the police response situation in your City prior to this going into effect.

Please be aware that previous legislation and ordinances that have contained a provision to fine the alarm company for false alarms have been found to be illegal in other cities. Refer to attachments to this letter for reference. We are requesting that the City of Flint stop enforcement of this provision immediately until further meetings and discussions can be held to reach a unified effort.

BFAAM is offering to assist the City of Flint with alarm management goals by sharing solutions from other cities. One such solution is to require all alarm monitoring companies to invoke 2-call verification. This includes a call to the premise plus a call to a cell phone to determine if the police are needed PRIOR to dispatching the police.

We also work alongside a national organization called Security Industry Alarm Coalition (SIAC) which will share ordinances that work extremely well in other cities across the United States, including the Model Alarm Ordinance.

Glen Mowrey from SIAC and I have reached out to Captain Darryl Patterson from the Flint PD and have a meeting planned on January 7, 2013. We will be making recommendations to assist the City of Flint with developing a False Alarm Ordinance that can be implemented rather quickly with the alarm users in your City.

We can be contacted at the below address and phone number with a written or verbal reply to this letter. We look forward to hearing from any or all of you soon.

Sincerely,

Dean Belisle, President  
Karen Majeske, Director

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