

RESOLUTION

TITLE: A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CO-SPONSOR AND SUPPORT A JOINT RESOLUTION TO RESTORE THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE CHARGE (“9-1-1 FEE”) TO THE MONTHLY RATE OF \$1.50.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly authorized the 9-1-1 fee to be \$1.50/month in 1998, as then applicable to residential phone lines, at the onset of the cellular phone era; and,

WHEREAS, in 2014, the 9-1-1 fee was reduced to \$1.16; and

WHEREAS, local governments created Emergency Communications Districts (“ECDs”) to provide the life-saving 9-1-1 service for all residents in their Districts, contribute property taxes for this purpose, and require adequate user funding for this essential duty; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of T.C.A. 7-86-128 (b) (1), the Tennessee Emergency Communications Board (“TECB”), following public hearing, properly adopted a recommendation to restore the monthly 9-1-1 fee to \$1.50, which must be approved by a Joint Resolution of the State Senate and House of Representatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED:

That we do hereby request that a copy of this resolution be sent to members of the State Senate and House of Representatives that represent, in whole or in part, this jurisdiction; and, further, that we do hereby request each such member of the General Assembly to co-sponsor and support the Joint Resolution to restore the 9-1-1 fee, as stated above; and

FURTHER, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION TAKE EFFECT FROM & AFTER ITS PASSAGE, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2019.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

MAYOR

CLERK