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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Billy Grogan, Chief of Police
Date: December 10, 2018

Subject: Resolution Authorizing a 9-1-1 Charge on Postpaid Wireline, Wireless, and Voice Over Internet Protocol ("V.O.I.P.") Telephone Service

DESCRIPTION

A resolution authorizing a 9-1-1 charge on Postpaid Wireline, Wireless, and Voice Over Internet Protocol ("V.O.I.P.") telephone service within the City of Dunwoody.

BACKGROUND

During the 2018 Session, the Georgia General Assembly passed HB 751 and it was signed into law on May 7, 2018. HB 751 is a comprehensive piece of legislation that, among other things, establishes the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority (GECA) as the coordinating body for 911 and emergency communications in the state. Additionally, the legislation creates a new process by which all 911 fees are to be collected and remitted to local governments.

Beginning January 1, 2019, service suppliers will begin aggregating and remitting their collected 911 fees to the Georgia Department of Revenue through a contract with GECA. Wireline, postpaid wireless, and Voice over Internet Protocol fees will continue to be distributed based on the same formula as before. Prepaid will continue to be distributed based on the same formula as well; however, the prepaid remittances will be delivered to the local governments monthly as opposed to the current annual distribution in October.

With these changes to the processes, new 911 resolutions need to be adopted by each local government that operates a public safety answering point (PSAP). Per O.C.G.A. § 46-5-134, the 911 fees collected by the service supplier and transmitted to the authority for distribution to local governments pursuant to Code Section 38-3-185 shall, upon being received by a local government, be deposited and accounted for in a separate restricted revenue fund known as the Emergency Telephone System Fund maintained by the local government. All such funds shall be used exclusively for the purposes authorized by O.C.G.A. § 46-5-134(-f).

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The new 911 resolutions must be submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue no later than November 1, 2018 to ensure that the Department has sufficient time to implement the new collection and remittance process by January 1, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council adopt this resolution authorizing a 9-1-1 charge on Postpaid Wireline, Wireless, and Voice Over Internet Protocol ("V.O.I.P.") telephone service within the City of Dunwoody. This resolution has been reviewed by our City Attorney.

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A 9-1-1 CHARGE ON POSTPAID WIRELINE, WIRELESS, AND VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL (“V.O.I.P.”) TELEPHONE SERVICE WITHIN the City of Dunwoody, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, authorizes counties and cities that operate a 9-1-1 public safety answering point to impose a 9-1-1 charge on the postpaid wireline, wireless and V.O.I.P. telephone bill; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Code Section 46-5-134 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, such charges shall be imposed at the rate of \$1.50 per month; and

WHEREAS, revenues received by a county or municipality from such charges must be deposited in the emergency telephone system fund maintained by the county or municipality; and

WHEREAS, imposition of the monthly charge is contingent upon the enactment of an ordinance or resolution of the county or municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody operates a 9-1-1 public safety answering point; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does now deem it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Dunwoody to impose such a charge; then

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. 9-1-1 Charge on Monthly Service

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 46-5-133, there is hereby imposed a postpaid wireline, wireless and V.O.I.P. telephone 9-1-1 charge as defined by O.C.G.A. § 46-5-122 upon every postpaid monthly telephone service bill occurring within the jurisdiction of the public service answering point in the amount of \$1.50.

Section 2. Collection of 9-1-1 Charge on Monthly Service

9-1-1 charges collected by service suppliers shall be remitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue, as the contracted collection partner of the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority, at the times and in the manner provided by O.C.G.A. §38-3-185, O.C.G.A. §38-3-186, and any other Georgia Department of Revenue or Georgia Emergency Communications Authority regulation or policy .

Section 3. Administrative Provisions

The Clerk of the City is hereby directed to file with the State Revenue Commissioner a certified copy of this ordinance and amendments thereto within ten (10) days of enactment of this ordinance or future amendment.

Section 4. Depositing of Funds; Use of Funds

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 46-5-134, funds received by this city from charges imposed by this ordinance shall be deposited in the Emergency Telephone System Fund maintained by the city pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-5-134 and kept separate from general revenue of the jurisdiction; all such funds shall be used exclusively for the purposes authorized by O.C.G.A. § 46-5-134(f).

Section 5. Repealer

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed as of January 1, 2019.

Section 6. Effective Date

Any previous postpaid wireline, wireless and V.O.I.P telephone service ordinance(s) will remain in effect until January 1, 2019. On such date, the wireline, wireless, and V.O.I.P. telephone service 9-1-1 charge shall become \$1.50 per O.C.G.A. § 46-5-134 and this resolution.

SO RESOLVED in open session lawfully assembled, this the 10th day of December, 2018.

Approved:

Denis L. Shortal, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk
(SEAL)

Approved as to Form and Content

City Attorney