

RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR 911 SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, 911 systems throughout Illinois are in dire need of sustainable funding systems, and

WHEREAS, Champaign County voters approved a 911 fee of \$1.50 per land line in 1998, and

WHEREAS, the introduction of cell phones severely eroded this funding source and raised issues of fundamental fairness in taxation, and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago was allowed to have a \$2.50 fee imposed on land lines and cell phones alike, without a referendum, and

WHEREAS, current legislation allows Chicago to charge \$3.90 for land lines and cell phones alike, while restricting all other 911 systems to 87 cents per phone, regardless of previous voter approval for a higher rate, and

WHEREAS, current legislation expires on July 1, 2017, and

WHEREAS, fair and sustainable funding is vital to maintain 911 systems throughout Illinois and fees should reflect local requirements, rather than being standard outside Chicago;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Urbana City Council supports revision of the current law as follows:

1. 911 systems outside Chicago be allowed to charge a flat rate of up to \$2.50 per phone per month, depending on the local systems' financial needs, and
2. An additional monthly charge of up to 1% to be added to phone bills of over \$100 as a means of helping to offset inflation in the costs of operating 911 systems.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of January, 2017.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this _____ day of _____, _____

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor