

## City of Norman, OK

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File ID: R-1516-2 Type: Resolution Status: Consent Item Version: 1 Reference: Item No. 34 In Control: City Council **Department:** City Clerk Department Cost: File Created: 06/25/2015 File Name: 911 Resolution **Final Action:** Title: RESOLUTION R-1516-2: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA, **ESTABLISHING** NINE-ONE-ONE **EMERGENCY** NORMAN. THE TELEPHONE FEE RATE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016. Notes: ACTION NEEDED: Motion to adopt or reject Resolution R-1516-2. ACTION TAKEN: Agenda Date: 07/14/2015 Agenda Number: 34 Attachments: Letter from ACOG, 911 Resolution Project Manager: Brenda Hall, City Clerk **Effective Date:** Entered by: ellen.usry@normanok.gov **History of Legislative File** 

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**BACKGROUND**: The 9-1-1- Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG), in which the City of Norman is a participant, was officially created after voters approved a proposal for creation of a 9-1-1 system in elections held in March, April, and October of 1987. The proposal also provided for the addition of a service fee to each telephone subscriber's basic telephone charge in order to finance installation and maintenance of the 9-1-1 system.

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The service fee was initially set at 5% of the basic service for each customer. Collection of that fee began in January of 1989. In accordance with state law, this fee was reduced to 3% in January of 1990. In order to continue collection of the locally authorized service fee on telephone bills to pay for the 9-1-1 service, each local government must approve a resolution annually, setting the actual fee. The required resolution must be received by 9-1-1 ACOG before August 1, 2015.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: 9-1-1 ACOG assumes all responsibility for expenses involved with the operation of the 9-1-1 system, including purchase, installation, and upkeep of all required equipment and maintenance of the system by AT&T. Financing of the 9-1-1 system by ACOG and financial aid provided to participating local governments is made possible entirely through proceeds received from the 9-1-1 service charge added to the phone bills of subscribers in the covered areas.

Funds received by the City of Norman through the 9-1-1 service fee have been instrumental in the acquisition of communications equipment essential to the efficient operation of the Emergency Communications Center as a 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point and in reducing subsidies from the General Fund to offset emergency communications costs.

**RECOMMENDATION**: Staff requests that the necessary resolution be adopted to set the service fee at the 3% level recommended by 9-1-1 ACOG for 2016. This rate begins January 1, 2016.