

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-120

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A 911 SURCHARGE RATE RESTORATION
AND REQUESTING SUPPORT OF THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Emergency Communications Board ("TECB") has proposed to restore 911 surcharge rates to the 2013 levels of \$1.50 per line; and

WHEREAS, today, the 911 surcharge rate is set at \$1.16 statewide for all devices capable of calling 911. Two cents of the \$1.16 rate are reserved to fund the Telecommunications Devices Access Program, providing devices to the speech- or hearing-impaired, with the remaining \$1.14 being returned to the Districts. This would remain in place with any proposed increase; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Williamson County residents elected to increase monthly 9-1-1 surcharge rates for residential landlines to \$1.50 and business landlines to \$3.00, yielding an additional \$370,000 in 2013. This increase was reversed when Tennessee passed the Modernization and IP Transition Act of 2014, approving an average of funds collected between 2010 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, without an increase in 9-1-1 funding since 2010, Districts across Tennessee are falling into negative budgets which can result in intervention by the TECB after three consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, currently, the Williamson County Emergency Communications District draws \$1,581,396 at the rate of \$1.16 per line. With the restored rate, projected revenue would be \$2,130,359 at \$1.50 per line (projected increase of \$548,963).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board hereby expresses its support of the TECB in their proposal to restore 9-1-1 surcharge rates to the 2013 levels of \$1.50 per line described in the preamble to this resolution.
2. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen direct that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to members of Williamson County's members of the General Assembly; hereby requesting their support of same.
3. This resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Municipality requiring it.

IT IS SO RESOLVED AND DONE on this 26th day of November 2019.

ATTEST:

CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE:

By: _____
ERIC S. STUCKEY
City Administrator/Recorder

By: _____
DR. KEN MOORE
Mayor

Approved as to Form

By: _____
Shauna R. Billingsley, City Attorney