

**ORDINANCE 841-2017**

**AN AMENDMENT BY GRANT COUNTY, KENTUCKY AND THE CITY OF CRITTENDEN AND THE CITY OF DRY RIDGE AND THE CITY OF WILLIAMSTOWN AND THE CITY OF CORINTH TERMINATING THE E 911 SERVICE FEE TAX OF \$1.99 PER TELEPHONE LINE PER MONTH.**

WHEREAS, the City of Dry Ridge has adopted Ordinances 677-2005 regarding the joint creation of a tax to fund E-911 services on September 19, 2005;

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it necessary to eliminate through amendment the \$1.99/ telephone line per month surcharge;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DRY RIDGE MODIFIES Ordinance 677-2005:**

**AMENDMENT # 1**

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WHEREAS, Grant County Fiscal Court has determined that the current 911 service fee (E 911 service fee) of \$1.99 per telephone line per month as imposed by each City and the County is inadequate to continue to provide reliable, quality emergency communications services due to the replacement of telephone lines by wireless telephones and other technologies; and

WHEREAS, Grant County Fiscal Court has determined that a 911 service fee imposed on each individual residential unit and each individual commercial unit will result in a more fair distribution of the burden of funding this service and create a more stable funding source; and

WHEREAS, Grant County Fiscal Court previously passed Ordinance 04-2017-707, as amended, which imposed an annual fee of \$36.00 imposed upon each occupied individual

residential unit and each occupied individual commercial unit located upon each parcel of real property located within the County of Grant; and

WHEREAS, the new Ordinance provides for adequate funding and makes continued collection of the fee of \$1.99 per telephone line per month unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, the Cities and the County desire to jointly provide E911 Services through the Kentucky State Police Dispatch Center located at Kentucky State Police Post 6, Dry Ridge, Kentucky and to jointly fund an account to pay for the services to be provided by the Kentucky State Police, each of the governmental agencies named above, by the adoption of this ordinance, agree as Follows:

### **SECTION I**

Grant County, Kentucky previously levied a tax on each telephone line terminating within Grant County whether within or without any of the above-named cities and each city waived the right to levy such tax and to collect the fees therefrom.

### **SECTION II**

Grant County, Kentucky previously levied a tax of \$1.99 on each telephone line terminating in Grant County, of which three percent (3%) thereof was paid to Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company for its charges in collecting and remitting such tax: plus any and all infrastructure costs to the Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company.

### **SECTION III**

Other charges, if any, authorized to be made by Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company were to be considered non-regulated fees and were to be so entered on individual bills and not be charged against the tax levied. The \$1.99 tax on each telephone line shall be terminated on

December 31, 2017 and shall no longer be collected by Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company or any other vendor.

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PUBLICLY INTRODUCED AND READ FIRST TIME: December 4, 2017

PUBLICLY READ SECOND TIME AND PASSED: December 18, 2017

APPROVED:

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James Wells, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amy Kenner, City Clerk