

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
Laurel County Fiscal Court
Ordinance No. #321.0**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE LAUREL COUNTY FISCAL COURT REPEALING
PREVIOUS ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM FOR FINANCIAL
SUPPORT OF THE LONDON/LAUREL COUNTY E-911 COMMUNICATION
CENTER; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE #320.2**

WHEREAS, the Laurel County Fiscal Court is responsible for promoting public safety and the general welfare of the citizens of Laurel County, Kentucky, and

WHEREAS, the operation of a 911 or emergency communications system is one of the most critical of all public services, indispensable and necessary for the safety of the citizens of Laurel County and ensuring prompt responses to emergencies, and

WHEREAS, there currently is a system for financial support based upon a charge on “land line” phones in Laurel County, Kentucky, collected by a telephone utility and distributed thru the Laurel County Fiscal Court to the London/Laurel County E-911.

WHEREAS, technology advancements have resulted in the current financial system for support of 911 emergency communications unfairly placing the burden of supporting the system on a disproportionately small segment of the citizens of Laurel County, Kentucky, and

WHEREAS, Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 65.760 (3) is a specific provision wherein the General Assembly expressly permits local governments to fund 911 emergency telephone services by the imposition of service fees, more particularly: “The funds required ... to establish and operate 911 emergency telephone service ... may be obtained through the levy of any ... fee not in conflict with the Constitution and Statutes of this state,” and

WHEREAS, the Laurel County Fiscal Court believes that distributing the burden among the citizens through a service fee on water service is more equitable; that it bears a reasonable relationship to the benefit received, and requires more persons to support the system than a “land line” phone fee, and

WHEREAS, there are six water distributions systems in Laurel County, the London Utility Commission, Corbin Utility Commission, Laurel Water District #2, East Laurel Water District, West Laurel Water District, and Wood Creek Water District, providing essential water service to the citizens of Laurel County. Additionally, all of these entities provide a unique and appreciated public service.

Laurel County also wishes to engage the water entities collection services for the collection of the County's 911 service funding fee, more particularly, to collect a 911 service fee of \$ 3.50 from the utilities' water service subscription customers and to distribute the collected funds (less a 1% administration fee) to Laurel County Fiscal Court, 101 S. Main Street- Suite 320, London, KY 40741 due by on or before the 15th day of each month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Laurel County Fiscal Court that there is established, imposed and implemented a service fee on active water services provided to occupied households; apartments; each individual apartment unit in an apartment complex, duplex, etc. (which shall be considered an individual active water service); businesses; and agribusinesses in Laurel County, Kentucky, calculated at \$ 3.50 per active water service to take effect on July 1, 2016.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that every water company, water association or other entity operating a water distribution system in Laurel County, Kentucky shall collect the herein established service fee and remit amounts so collected each month (less a 1% administration fee) to the Laurel County Fiscal Court, 101 S. Main Street – Suite 320, London, KY 40741 due by on or before the 15th day of each month

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that Laurel County Ordinance Number, 320.2 are hereby repealed effective on 6/30/16.

First Reading:

Introduced for the first reading on Motion made by Danny Smith
and seconded by Jeff Book and passed by majority vote of the
Laurel Fiscal Court in duly assembled session on the 31st day of March, 2016.

David Westerfield
DAVID WESTERFIELD
LAUREL COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

Kelly Sutton
Kelly Sutton, LAUREL COUNTY FISCAL COURT CLERK

Second Reading: Introduced for the second reading on Motion made by
Jeff Book and seconded by Richard Bales and
passed by majority vote of the Laurel Fiscal Court in duly assembled session on the 28th day
of April, 2016.

ADOPTED by the Laurel County Fiscal Court on this the 28th day of April, 2016, this
Ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

David Westerfield
DAVID WESTERFIELD
LAUREL COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

Kelly Sutton
Kelly Sutton, LAUREL COUNTY FISCAL COURT CLERK

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