

CITY OF BELDING
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-08-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELDING, MICHIGAN,
REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR MICHIGAN SENATE BILL 400 AND MICHIGAN HOUSE
BILL 4651 AMENDING THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES ENABLING ACT.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Belding, County of Ionia, Michigan,
was held in said City on the 1st day of August, 2017.

PRESENT: Council Members Miller, Meyers, Scheid, Feehan and Gunderson

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Council Member Scheid and
seconded by Council Member Feehan.

- WHEREAS, Michigan House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 have been introduced in the
Michigan Legislature, which would amend Public Act 32 of 1986 entitled the
“Emergency Telephone Services Enabling Act”; and
- WHEREAS, these bills would amend the funding system for 9-1-1 so that all communication
devices that have access to 9-1-1, including prepaid wireless devices, contribute
equally to the funding of 9-1-1 operations; and
- WHEREAS, these bills provide a stable funding source for the counties to support their
migration to Next Generation 9-1-1 and ongoing operational levels of service for
9-1-1 to its residents; and
- WHEREAS, these bills afford the State and Counties collecting 9-1-1 fees a mechanism for
court action should any service providers fail to collect and remit the fees; and
- WHEREAS, these bills have a mechanism that provides the necessary checks and balances to
ensure revenues generated are used for authorized expenditures for 9-1-1 services;
and
- WHEREAS, these authorized expenditures are limited to those directly related to receiving and
processing 9-1-1 calls and the subsequent dispatching of responders via a public
safety radio; and
- WHEREAS, such limitation of expenditures has historically met the criteria established
through the courts to define 9-1-1 surcharge as a fee for service directly related to
telephone services; and
- WHEREAS, any attempt to amend House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 for other State of

Michigan general fund purposes not directly related to 9-1-1 may not meet the criteria of a fee for service and could be viewed as a tax increase for the residents of Ionia County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belding, Michigan does hereby offer our support of House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 as introduced; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Belding opposes amending House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 to include any additional State of Michigan taxes on telephone service customers under the guise of 9-1-1 surcharge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Richard Snyder, and all Senators and Representatives serving Ionia County.

Upon vote for the adoption of said resolution, the vote was:

YEAS: Council Members Miller, Meyers, Scheid, Feehan and Gunderson

NAYS: None

THIS RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED ADOPTED THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2017.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Belding, County of Ionia, State of Michigan, at a meeting held on August 1, 2017, the original of which is on file in my office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

Dated: August 1, 2017


Kareen J. Thomas
City Clerk