



Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority



RESOLUTION 2017-02

SUPPORT FOR MICHIGAN HOUSE BILL 4651 AND MICHIGAN SENATE BILL 400 AMENDING THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE ENABLING ACT

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 Service 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 services, contribute equally to the funding of 9-1-1 operations; and

WHEREAS, these bills provide a stable funding mechanism for counties to support the migration to Next Generation 9-1-1 and ongoing operational levels of service for 9-1-1 to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, these bills afford the State and Counties collecting 9-1-1 fees a mechanism for legal action should any service provider fail to collect and remit the fees; and

WHEREAS, these bills will provide the necessary checks and balances to ensure revenues generated from 9-1-1 fees are used for authorized expenditures for 9-1-1 services; and

WHEREAS, these authorized expenditures are limited to those directly related to 9-1-1 network infrastructure, receiving and processing 9-1-1 calls and the subsequent dispatching of first responders; and

WHEREAS, revenues generated by 9-1-1 surcharge has historically met the criteria legally established 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 Kalamazoo County, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority Board of Directors does hereby offer our support of House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 as introduced; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority Board of Directors 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

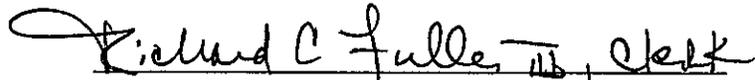


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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Richard Snyder and all Senators and Representatives serving Kalamazoo County.

I, Sheriff Richard Fuller, Clerk for the Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority Board of Directors, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors at the regular meeting of said Board held on 7-13-2017, 2017, at which meeting a quorum was present.


SIGNATURE