

VILLAGE OF LAKE ODESSA

RESOLUTION #2017-25

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE
MICHIGAN SENATE BILL 400 AND
MICHIGAN HOUSE BILL 4651 AMENDING
THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES
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 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; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Lake Odessa does hereby offer our support of House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 as introduced; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Lake Odessa 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 Synder, and all Senators and Representatives serving Ionia County.

At a regular meeting of the Lake Odessa Village Council held on August 21, 2017, motion by Trustee McCloud, with support by Trustee Thomas, to adopt the foregoing Resolution 2017-25.

Ayes: Brighton, Rudisill, McCloud, Jaquays, Thomas, Banks

Nays: None

Absent: Walkington

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this is a true and complete copy of Resolution 2017-25 adopted by the Lake Odessa Village Council at a regular meeting held on August 21, 2017, the original of which is on file in my office and available to the public pursuant to the required statutory procedure.

Date signed: August 21, 2017



Pearl Goodemoot, Village Clerk
Village of Lake Odessa, Ionia County, MI