

AN ORDINANCE OF HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF A FEE TO BE PAID BY LOCAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SUBSCRIBERS PURSUANT TO THE FLORIDA EMERGENCY TELEPHONE ACT, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE FEE; PROVIDING FOR A FEE OF FIFTY CENTS (50) PER MONTH PER LINE FOR EACH LOCAL EXCHANGE SUBSCRIBER; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR MANNER OF COLLECTION OF THE FEE; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT TO THE TELEPHONE COMPANY OF ADMINISTRATIVE FEE; PROVIDING FOR SIMULTANEOUS REPEAL UPON REPEAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE THE FEE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to the Florida Emergency Telephone Act, as amended (365.171, Florida Statutes, 1983, as amended), (herein the "Act") there is imposed a fee of fifty cents (50¢) per month upon each individual telephone exchange line located in Holmes County, which said fee shall be paid by local telephone subscribers for all exchange lines as provided in the Act.

SECTION 2: The definitions of terms set out in the Act are adopted as the definitions of terms in this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: The fees imposed under this Ordinance shall be collected by the telephone companies providing "9-1-1" services and equipment to Holmes County and remitted to Holmes County, less an administrative fee equal to one percent (1%) of the fees collected, which administrative fee shall be retained by the telephone companies as provided in the Act.

SECTION 4: The remittance to Holmes County, provided for in Section 3 above, shall be within thirty (30) days following the completion of the regular billing cycle utilized by the telephone companies in billing its subscribers for telephone service.

SECTION 5: The fees imposed hereunder shall be effective upon written notification by the Board to the telephone companies and shall be imposed until repealed by ordinance of the Board.

SECTION 6: The fees collected hereunder shall be used by Holmes County to provide emergency telephone "9-1-1" service and equipment for Holmes County, as provided for in the Act, for incurred charges, or for charges which may be incurred by Holmes County for its initial provision or subsequent addition of "9-1-1" service or equipment, or both service and equipment.

SECTION 7: The telephone companies providing "9-1-1" service to Holmes County shall include the fee assessed herein in the telephone company's regular billing for telephone service.

SECTION 8: Any repeal of the authority granted to counties under the Act to impose the fees set forth herein shall be and constitute a repeal of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9: The Board of County Commissioners shall by administrative action establish appropriate accounting of funds to administer the funds utilized pursuant to the provisions of the Act.

SECTION 10: This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of May, 1992.

ATTEST: Cody Taylor (SEAL)
Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA,
BY: [Signature]
Chairman