

Resolution 14-033

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WILLISTON TO INCREASE THE EXISTING EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS (9-1-1) FEE

WHEREAS, the emergency services communication (9-1-1) system is critical to public safety in the City of Williston, North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the monthly fee on "assessed communications services" (telephone exchange access service, wireless service, active prepaid wireless services, and voice over internet protocol service) imposed pursuant to North Dakota Century Code 57-40.6 is essential to the operation and maintenance of the emergency services communication system (9-1-1); and

WHEREAS the current fee limited to \$1.00 per month per "communication connection" (telephone access line, wireless access line, unique voice over internet protocol service connection, or functional equivalent uniquely identifiable by a number, internet address, or other designation) was implemented by previous resolution; and

WHEREAS the revenue from the current fee is insufficient to adequately fund the maintenance and operations of the emergency services communications (9-1-1) system, it is proposed that the fee maximum be increased to \$1.50 per "assessed communication service" however the City Commission could impose an amount less, but no more than that maximum; and

WHEREAS, the question of whether the City of Williston should increase the existing emergency services communications (9-1-1-) fee from \$1.00 per "assessed communication service" to \$1.50 per "assessed communication service" has been considered and discussed by the Board of City Commissioners, and approved by the voters of Williams County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Williston as follows:

The City of Williston hereby adopts as its policy that the exiting emergency services communications (9-1-1) fee be increased from \$1.00 per "assessed communication service" to \$1.50 per "assessed communication service."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the fee shall be collected by the "assessed communications service providers" and paid to the City within thirty (30) days after collection from the subscriber or customer unless the provider has fewer than ten subscribers or customers in a jurisdiction, in which case the provider may pay the proceeds quarterly. An assessed communications service provider may pay the proceeds quarterly. An assessed communications service provider may retain the actual costs of administration in collection of the fee, not to exceed five percent of the fee collected.

Dated : July 22, 2014.

CITY OF WILLISTON



Howard Klug, President
Board of City Commissioners

ATTEST:



John Kautzman
City Administrator