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ORDINANCE NO. 9798-101

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE SURCHARGE FOR AN ENHANCED INTY CLERK TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF URBANA AND CERTIFYING A REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, 50 <u>Illinois Compiled Statutes</u> 750/01, et. seq., provides for a surcharge on telecommunication carriers in order to fund an enhanced 9-1-1 emergency telephone system; and

WHEREAS, by referendum held on November 8, 1988, the citizens of the City of Urbana approved the imposition of a surcharge of up to 75 cents per month to fund an enhanced 9-1-1 system; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Urbana has determined that it would be in the best interests of the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Urbana to increase the surcharge to be able to continue to provide an enhanced emergency telephone system; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> That a surcharge is hereby imposed, subject to the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of this Ordinance, upon all telecommunication carriers engaged in the business of transmitting messages by means of electricity originating within the corporate limits of the City of Urbana, Illinois, and terminating within the State of Illinois for funding of an enhanced 9-1-1 emergency telephone system.

<u>Section 2.</u> That a referendum shall be placed by the Champaign County Clerk on the November 3, 1998 ballot for all legal voters residing in the County to vote upon the following question:

Shall the County of Champaign and the Cities of Champaign and Urbana and the Village of Rantoul jointly increase the surcharge from 75 cents per month per network connection to up to \$1.50 per month per network connection to telecommunication carriers, which increased surcharge expense will be added to the monthly bill you receive for telephone telecommunications charges, for the purpose of installing (or improving) a 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System to be administered by a Joint Emergency Telephone System Board?

Voc	No
Yes	INO

Section 3. That if a majority of the votes cast upon this question are in favor thereof, a surcharge is hereby imposed at a rate not to exceed \$1.50 per month per inservice network connection, said rate to be determined by the Joint Emergency Telephone System Board created to administer the 9-1-1 System. After the initial increased surcharge is determined by the Joint Emergency Telephone System Board,

the Treasurer shall certify it to the Champaign County Clerk who shall then certify it to the telecommunication carriers who are subject to the surcharge that the referendum referred to in Section 2 of this Ordinance has passed and the amount of the surcharge that has been returned to the Joint Emergency Telephone System Board. The Champaign County Clerk shall also notify the telecommunication carriers that the surcharge shall commence at the first of the month following the expiration of 90 days from the date that he makes the certifications to the telecommunication carriers.

Section 4. That the Champaign County Joint Emergency Telephone System Board shall set the amount of the surcharge and administer the monies collected pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement creating the Champaign County Emergency Telephone System Board approved by the City May 16, 1989 (C.B. No. 89-126) and any amendments thereto.

<u>Section 5.</u> This Ordinance shall be in effect immediately after it is passed and approved as provided by law, it being determined by the City Council that it is urgent that this Ordinance take effect at the earliest possible date.

Section 6. The City Clerk of the City of Urbana, Illinois, shall, within ten (10) days of the adoption of this Ordinance, file a certified copy of same with the Champaign County Clerk so that the proposition described in Section 2 of this Ordinance can be placed on the ballot for the November 3, 1998 General Election.

Section 7. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Ordinance to Fred Stavins, Champaign City Attorney, 102 North Neil Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820; John Piland, Champaign County State's Attorney, 101 East Main Street, Urbana, Illinois 61801; Kenneth N. Beth, Rantoul Village Attorney, Evans, Froelich & Beth, P.O. Box 737, Champaign, Illinois 61824-0737; and to Al Anderson, METCAD Director.

PASSED by the City Council this 20th day of April , 1998.
AYES: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor, Whelan, Wyman
NAYS:
ABSTAINED:
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Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk
APPROVED by the Mayor this 22 day of April , 1998
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