

Passed: March 17, 2014

Signed: March 18, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-016R

RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF ADEQUATE AND FAIR FUNDING FOR
ILLINOIS 9-1-1 SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 systems in Illinois were adopted by referendum in many Illinois cities and counties beginning in 1988, over a quarter of a century ago; and

WHEREAS, funding of 9-1-1 systems was based on monthly fees for land line telephones; and

WHEREAS, technology has changed significantly over the past quarter of a century, so that the revenues from land-line phones have been decreasing over time as other devices gain greater and greater market share; and

WHEREAS, the loss of revenue combined with increased costs over the past 26 years have placed an increasing and unsustainable burden on local governments; and

WHEREAS, we believe the fairest way to provide adequate funding would be to assess the same fee approved by voter referendum to all devices that access the 9-1-1 network; and

WHEREAS, we believe that adequate and fair funding for 9-1-1 systems is essential for public safety in Illinois,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the city council of Urbana, Illinois supports state legislation to permit local governments to assess the same fee already approved by voter referendum for land line telephones to be applied to all devices that access the 9-1-1 system; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we request that each of our state legislators sponsor and support such legislation.

PASSED by the City Council this 17th day of March, 2014.

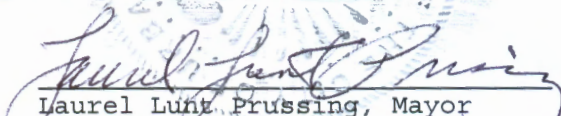
AYES: Ammons, Jakobsson, Madigan, Marlin, Roberts, Smyth

NAYS: Brown

ABSTAINS:


Phyllis B. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 18th day of March, 2014.


Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor