

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02-009R

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE 911 FUNDING

WHEREAS, over 20 years ago Champaign County voters approved \$1.50 per month to be charged to land lines to fund our 911 dispatch system (METCAD); and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the state legislature overrode this by adopting a state-wide rate of 87 cents - half of what our voters approved - to be charged to land lines, cell phones and other devices capable of accessing 911 systems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago was allowed to increase from its 911 charges on all devices from \$2.50 up to \$3.90; and

WHEREAS we believe the legislature should allow local 911 systems to adopt fees that are appropriate for each local system, since operating costs vary across the state, and

WHEREAS the lack of adequate funding for 911 systems from users has shifted the burden to local governments; and

WHEREAS this cost shift is unsustainable and undermines the financial stability of many local governments as well as the sustainability of 911 systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

That we request the Illinois legislature to respect the will of local voters by allowing counties whose voters approved land-line telephone surcharges higher than 87 cents to extend them to cell phones and other devices in order to provide a sustainable source of funding for 911 systems.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____ day of _____, _____.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor