

**SURCHARGE FOR ENHANCEMENT OR IMPROVEMENT OF
TELEPHONE SYSTEM USED FOR REPORTING EMERGENCY
(ENHANCED 911 SURCHARGE)
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The following business impact statement was prepared pursuant to NRS 237.090 to address the proposed impact of Ordinance 2016-03 which would provide for a surcharge for the enhancement or improvement of the telephone system for reporting an emergency in the county. The surcharge for each access line is .25 cents per month and for trunk lines each access line is \$2.50 per month, for mobile telephone service the surcharge is .25 cents per month.

1. The following constitutes a description of the number of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected residences and business, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

The draft of the proposed Ordinance 2016-03 was mailed to the Elko Chamber of Commerce, Nevada Mining Association, City of Elko, City of Carlin, City of Wells, City of West Wendover and advertised in the Elko Daily Free Press newspaper.

2. The estimated economic effect of the proposed Ordinance on the residents, including, without limitation, both adverse and beneficial effects, and both direct and indirect effects:

Adverse effects: This will result in an increase in telephone bills for all residents and businesses. Currently this surcharge is not enacted and if enacted will impact each individual access line (local exchange or mobile) by .25 cents per month and for trunk lines each access line is \$2.50 per month.

Beneficial effects: The implementation of the 911 surcharge will enable the 911 emergency dispatch operations to migrate to an enhanced 911 emergency dispatch with automatic telephone number and location connectivity with local PSAPS. The surcharge increase will add approximately \$171,000.00 per year to pay the costs of improvements and maintenance of the enhanced 911 emergency dispatch center.

Direct effects: The passage of this Ordinance will directly increase the telephone rates to comply with NRS 244A and will result in additional money for the improvement and maintenance of the 911 emergency dispatch operations.

Indirect effects: The passing of this resolution is sure to have indirect effects, however at this time, those effects cannot be quantified.

3. The following constitutes a description of the methods that the governing body of the local government considered to reduce the impact of the proposed rule on residents and a statement regarding whether any, and if so which, of these methods were used:

The governing body of the local government has worked on ways of funding the enhancement of the 911 emergency dispatch operations for the last five years. The governing body chose to pursue implementation of the surcharge for enhancement or improvement of telephone system used for reporting emergency to pay for the maintenance and operations for enhancing the 911 center. At this time there does not appear to be any other reasonable method to achieve the funding increases that the 911 emergency dispatch operations requires.

4. The governing body estimates the annual cost to the local government for enforcement of the proposed rule is: The proposed addition of the surcharge for enhancement improvement of telephone system used for reporting emergency's presents no significant foreseeable or anticipated costs or decrease in the costs related to administration.
5. The proposed Ordinance provides for implementing a surcharge on telephone lines and the total amount the local government expects to collect is: \$171,000.00.
6. The money generated by implementing the surcharge will be used by the local government for capital and maintenance of the 911 emergency dispatch operations.
7. The proposed Ordinance includes provision, which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity. The following explains why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary.

The proposed change is not duplicative, or more stringent than existing federal, state or local standards.