

ORDINANCE 88-3

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE AN ENHANCED-911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FOR ALL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY. THIS SYSTEM WILL UTILIZE THE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE NETWORK TO PROVIDE 911 DIALING CAPABILITY FOR USERS OF THE SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM CONSISTING OF AN EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER AND THE PROPER EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO THE EMERGENCY NEEDS TO THE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO BEAUFORT COUNTY.

SECTION I: FINANCES

1. Under the provisions of this Ordinance, the County Council of Beaufort County shall have the authority to bill the expense of purchasing, installing and operating of the Enhanced-911 System to the telephone subscribers in Beaufort County or of Beaufort County services. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the Enhanced-911 equipment is defined as the non-recurring and recurring charges as provided by United Telephone Company, the necessary dispatch equipment to support Enhanced-911, the necessary equipment to transmit the Enhanced-911 information to the emergency vehicles and the cost of central dispatch personnel to operate the Enhanced-911 system.

2. County Council of Beaufort County shall instruct the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, under the terms of the Letter of Intent, to bill the telephone subscribers the amount necessary to cover the cost of the system operation. This amount will be set in the Letter of Intent and shall be reviewed by the County Council of Beaufort County as part of the budget process in June of each year and may be altered by County Council with new billings beginning in July of the same year.

SECTION II: MINIMUM LEVEL

1. The charge to the subscriber shall be reasonable and it is the responsibility of the County Council of Beaufort County to set a minimum level of operation for the system. This minimum level of standards is defined as the minimum level of service to provide the Enhanced-911 service to each emergency agency participating in the program as provided by United Telephone Company in their traffic survey, the minimum of dispatch equipment as referenced by the United Telephone surveys, and a minimum level of personnel to operate the system.

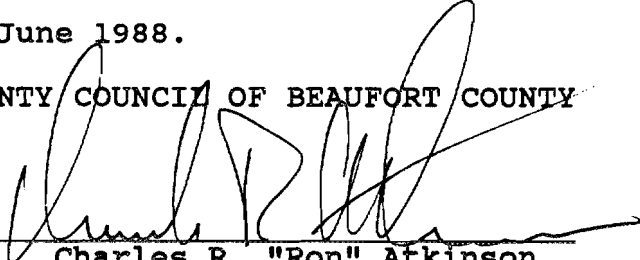
2. This Ordinance does not prohibit any participating agency from exceeding the minimum level of services but provides that any expense necessary to exceed and maintain that higher level will be funded by the agencies requesting that higher level.

SECTION III: EMERGENCY NUMBERS

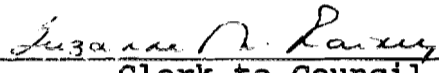
1. This Ordinance shall prohibit any agency to advertise or make available for public use any emergency number other than 911.
2. This section of the Ordinance shall take effect the date and time of the Enhanced-911 System becomes operational.

Dated this 27th day of June 1988.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: 
Charles R. "Ron" Atkinson
Chairman

ATTEST:


Clerk to Council

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