

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 27

DATE: August 19, 2003

FROM: Joanne Sizemore

SUBJECT:

Resolution 2003-090 Reestablishing a Telephone Exchange Access Facility Charge and a Wireless Communications Access Charge for the Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority Effective January 1, 2004.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority (LETA) was created in 1990 pursuant to C.R.S. Section 29-11-101, et. seq., by an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Fort Collins and nineteen other governmental entities in Larimer County.

The telephone exchange access facility charge of fifty cents (\$.50) per month became effective January 1, 1991, by approval of the City Council. This fee remained the same each year by annual approval of the LETA Board, until 1998 when the LETA Board decreased the fee by 10% to the current forty-five cents (\$.45). The wireless communications access charge was first established at forty-five cents (\$.45) commencing on April 1, 1998.

At the July 2, 2003 LETA Board meeting, the Board approved a telephone exchange access facility charge and a wireless communications access charge effective January 1, 2004, each at the rate of forty-five cents (\$.45) per month.

These surcharges to telephone subscribers are necessary to continue to adequately fund the Emergency 911 telephone service in the city of Fort Collins through 2004. By approving this Resolution, the Council will be authorizing telephone and wireless telephone service providers to collect the telephone exchange access facility charge and wireless communications access charge.

RESOLUTION 2003-090
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
REESTABLISHING A TELEPHONE EXCHANGE ACCESS
FACILITY CHARGE AND A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS
ACCESS CHARGE FOR THE LARIMER EMERGENCY
TELEPHONE AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004

WHEREAS, the Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority was created pursuant to §29-11-101, et seq., C.R.S., by an Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning the Implementation of an "E911" Emergency Telephone Service, dated November 14, 1990, between certain governmental entities located in Larimer County, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the aforesaid statutory authority and Ordinance Nos. 164, 1989, and 200, 1997, adopted by the City Council on April 3, 1990, and January 6, 1998, respectively, the City Council is authorized to raise, lower, or reestablish a telephone exchange access facility charge and a wireless communications access charge to be assessed telephone (wireline and wireless) service users in the City of Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that reestablishing the telephone exchange access facility charge at the rate of forty-five cents (\$.45) per month and the wireless communications access charge at the rate of forty-five cents (\$.45) per month is necessary and appropriate to adequately fund emergency telephone services in the City of Fort Collins.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That commencing January 1, 2004, the telephone exchange access facility charge and the wireless communications access charge shall each be reestablished at forty-five cents (\$.45) per month per exchange access facility or per wireless communications access.

Section 2. That telephone service suppliers providing telephone service in the City of Fort Collins are hereby authorized to collect the telephone exchange access facility charge in accordance with § 29-11-102 and 103, C.R.S.

Section 3. That wireless telephone service suppliers providing wireless telephone service in the City of Fort Collins are hereby authorized to collect the wireless communications access charge in accordance with § 29-11-102 and 103, C.R.S.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held this 19th day of August, A.D. 2003.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk