

3/12/2014

**16-R-14**

**A RESOLUTION**

**Supporting 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 twenty-six (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 ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:**

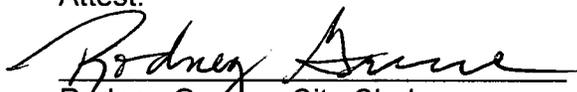
**SECTION 1:** The City of Evanston supports state legislation to permit local governments to assess the same fee already approved by voter referendum for land line telephones to be applied to all devices that access the 9-1-1 system; and

**SECTION 2:** The City of Evanston requests that each of our state legislators sponsor and support such legislation.

**SECTION 3:** Copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Illinois, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives, and to the President and Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate.

  
Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, Mayor

Attest:

  
Rodney Greene, City Clerk

Adopted: May 12, 2014