

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-44

REVIEW OF THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FEE

WHEREAS, in 1988 the Legislature enacted the Emergency Communications Act (“Act”) at Title 31, Chapter 48 of the Idaho Code; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a method for financing the initiation, maintenance, and enhancement of consolidated emergency communications systems which allows for 9-1-1 service within the several counties; and

WHEREAS, in November 1990, at a general elections, the voters of Kootenai County approved a telephone line user fee, also known as an emergency communications or 9-1-1 fee, in an amount not greater than one dollar (\$1.00) per line per month, to be used to fund and finance the maintenance and operation of a 9-1-1 emergency communications system as provided in the Act; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2001, the Board of Kootenai County Commissioners (“Board”), in Resolution No. 2001-26, set the emergency communications fee to be assessed in Kootenai County at one dollar (\$1.00) per line per month; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the requirement to review the emergency communications fee on an annual basis pursuant to Idaho Code § 31-4803(7); and

WHEREAS, the current revenue collected from the emergency communications fee is not adequate to fund the needs of the emergency communications system;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority granted to this Board pursuant to Idaho Code § 31-4804, that the emergency communications fee shall continue to be set in the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) per month per access or interconnected VoIP service line; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the emergency communications fee shall continue to be collected from by all telecommunications providers, as provided in and pursuant to Idaho Code § 31-4804; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all telecommunications providers shall remit the fee on a monthly basis to the Kootenai County Treasurer’s Office at 451 Government Way, P.O. Box 9000, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho 83816-9000, on the last day of the month following the provider’s billing cycle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Idaho Code §31-4804 and this Resolution, all providers shall continue to be entitled to deduct and retain one percent (1.0%) of the collected amount as the cost of administration for collecting the charge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any conflicting prior resolutions are hereby superseded and such conflicting provisions repealed.

Upon a motion to adopt the text of the foregoing Resolution made by Commissioner Duncan, seconded by Commissioner Brooks, the following vote was recorded:

Commissioner Brooks:	Aye
Commissioner Duncan:	Aye
Chairman Fillios:	Aye

Upon said roll call, the text of the foregoing was duly enacted as a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Kootenai County, Idaho on the 30th day of April, 2019.

KOOTENAI COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:
JIM BRANNON, CLERK

Chris Fillios, Chairman

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Leslie Duncan, Commissioner

Bill Brooks, Commissioner