

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07-XXX (R)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, SUPPORTING ADJUSTMENT OF THE STATEWIDE WIRELESS 9-1-1 SERVICE FEE INCREASING THE FEE TO \$1.04 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE FUNDING MODEL FOR NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1**

- WHEREAS**, the North Central Texas Emergency Communications District (NCT9-1-1) operates as an “Emergency Communication District” pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code Chapter 772 to provide regional 9-1-1 emergency communications services for residents and visitors within its service area; and
- WHEREAS**, Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 771.071 “Emergency Service Fee(“771.071”),” allows NCT 9-1-1 to “impose an emergency service fee on each local exchange access line, including lines of customers in an area served by an emergency communication district participating in the applicable regional plan”( “9-1-1 Service Fee”); and
- WHEREAS**, 771.071 further provides that “[t]he amount of the fee may not exceed 50 cent a month for each line”; and
- WHEREAS**, the 9-1-1 Service Fee has remained at \$0.50 per device per month since 1997, without adjustment, resulting in an outdated and increasingly unsustainable funding model; and
- WHEREAS**, while the number of wireless devices has continued to grow alongside population increases, NCT 9-1-1 rising operational and capital costs are not supported under the current 9-1-1 Service Fee of 50 cents; and
- WHEREAS**, Emergency Communication Districts do not receive a direct one-to-one share of collected 9-1-1 Service Fees and are only allocated a percentage of statewide collections based on population, further limiting their ability to keep pace with increasing expenses; and
- WHEREAS**, Emergency Communication Districts do not have authority to levy property taxes and rely solely on state-authorized 9-1-1 Fee to fund essential emergency communications infrastructure, network operations, cybersecurity protections, and system modernization; and
- WHEREAS**, the Texas Legislature in 2021 mandated implementation of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) statewide by September 2025, requiring the transition from legacy analog systems to secure, IP-based networks capable of routing voice, text, data, and other multimedia communications; and
- WHEREAS**, while NG911 deployment has been mandated, no long-term, sustainable funding mechanism has been established to support ongoing operation, cybersecurity requirements, redundancy, and lifecycle replacement costs; and
- WHEREAS**, underfunding the 9-1-1 system jeopardizes public safety by threatening the reliability, resiliency, and timeliness of emergency response services for all residents and visitors in the NCT9-1-1 service area; and
- WHEREAS**, most states have increased their 9-1-1 fees to reflect modern operational realities, with only a small minority of states maintaining fees at \$0.50 per month or less, and many charging significantly higher amounts; and
- WHEREAS**, while the specific amount of any proposed adjustment to the statewide wireless 9-1-1 service fee has not yet been determined and will be informed by legislative deliberation and expert analysis, it is necessary that any

adjustment be reasonable, data-driven, and sufficient to ensure the long-term sustainability and reliability of 9-1-1 services; and

**WHEREAS**, any adjustment to the statewide 9-1-1 fee should be implemented with appropriate oversight, transparency, and accountability to ensure funds are used solely for the support, operation, and advancement of emergency communications systems; and

**WHEREAS**, ensuring that Texas 9-1-1 systems remain reliable, secure, modern, and capable of handling voice, text, and multimedia emergency communications is essential to protecting lives and property in all communities; and

**WHEREAS**, NCT 9-1-1 supports the McKinney Police Department's ("MPD") 9-1-1 infrastructure, including all call-handling equipment, phone systems, and other public-facing services. They are requesting support in researching and developing a sustainable fee model that will provide funding for advanced technology and equipment required to meet new federal regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, MPD recommends and would support NCT 9-1-1 presenting to the State Legislature a new 9-1-1 Service Fee not to exceed \$1.04 representing the inflation adjusted value of the current \$.50 fee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City of McKinney, Texas, and are fully incorporated into the body of this Resolution.

**Section 2.** City Council expresses its support for legislative action regarding Texas Health and Safety Code 771.071 to adjust the statewide wireless 9-1-1 Service Fee to an amount not to exceed \$1.04 to address ongoing cost of providing a sustainable long-term funding model to ensure continued operation, cybersecurity protection, redundancy, and resilient Next Generation 9-1-1 services.

**Section 3.** Directs that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the North Central Texas Emergency Communications District, the Governor of Texas, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, and members of the Texas Legislature representing this jurisdiction.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after the date of passage and is so resolved.

CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS

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ATTEST:

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