

SUMMARY: Amends Chapter 65 of the Washoe County Code by expanding the permissible use of the 911 telephone line surcharge to include the purchase and maintenance of portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices for law enforcement agencies, including the Washoe County school district police, as well as the Washoe County department of alternative sentencing, in accordance with 2019 NV Senate Bill 89; by clarifying the powers and duties of the 911 emergency response advisory committee; and by amending the advisory committee membership, the terms of appointment and the quorum provisions.

BILL NO. _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 65 OF THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY EXPANDING THE PERMISSIBLE USE OF THE 911 TELEPHONE LINE SURCHARGE TO INCLUDE THE PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF PORTABLE EVENT RECORDING DEVICES AND VEHICULAR EVENT RECORDING DEVICES FOR USE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE, AS WELL AS THE WASHOE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2019 NEVADA LEGISLATURE'S ENACTMENT OF SENATE BILL ("SB") 89; BY CLARIFYING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE 911 EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND BY AMENDING THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF APPOINTMENT AND QUORUM PROVISIONS.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WASHOE DO ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Section 65.400 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

65.400. Purpose and authority.

1. The 1995 Nevada Legislature enacted Senate Bill ("SB") 473 which authorized a telephone line surcharge to be imposed in certain counties for the enhancement of existing 911 telephone service. SB 473 required that any county imposing the surcharge create an advisory committee to develop a plan for 911 enhancements and recommend expenditures of money collected for said purpose. Washoe County implemented these provisions to assure that the 911 emergency response system within the county is capable of providing the most efficient service available.

2. The 2017 Nevada Legislature enacted SB 176 which expanded

the permissible use of the telephone line surcharge to purchase and maintain portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices. Washoe County implemented this expansion of the surcharge to purchase and maintain portable event recording devices for uniformed peace officers employed by a law enforcement agency who routinely interact with the public, and to purchase and maintain vehicular event recording devices for the safety of the community.

3. The 2019 Nevada Legislature enacted SB 89 which expands the permissible use of the telephone line surcharge to include the purchase and maintenance of portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices for use by a law enforcement agency, including a board of trustees of any county school district that employs or appoints school police officers, as well as a department of alternative sentencing. Washoe County desires to implement this expansion of the surcharge to purchase and maintain portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices, as needed, for use by the Washoe County school district police and Washoe County department of alternative sentencing.

SECTION 2. Section 65.410 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

65.410. Creation of advisory committee; powers and duties. A 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee is hereby created in order to:

1. Develop a plan for the enhancement of the county's 911 emergency response system;
2. Recommend to the county the expenditures of money collected through the telephone line surcharge for the enhancement of the telephone system for reporting an emergency; and
3. Recommend to the county the expenditures of money collected through the telephone line surcharge for the acquisition, maintenance, data storage, upgrade and replacement of equipment and software necessary for the operation of portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices.

(a) The following agencies within Washoe County are eligible for funding to purchase and maintain portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices:

- (1) The Washoe County sheriff's office;
- (2) The Reno police department and the Sparks police department;
- (3) The Reno municipal court marshal division and the Sparks municipal court marshal division;

- (4) The Washoe County school district police department; and
- (5) The Washoe County department of alternative sentencing.

4. Provide an annual report to the board of county commissioners for the purpose of reviewing and, if necessary, updating the 5-year master plan.

SECTION 3. Section 65.430 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

65.430 Advisory committee membership; qualifications of members; notification of appointment; terms; removal; rotating chairperson.

1. Membership. The membership of the advisory committee shall be as follows:

(a) Three members appointed by the city of Reno;

(1) One member must be the Reno police department's chief law enforcement officer or designee, and one member must be the Reno municipal court marshal division's chief law enforcement officer or designee;

(b) Three members appointed by the city of Sparks;

(1) One member must be the Sparks police department's chief law enforcement officer or designee, and one member must be the Sparks municipal court marshal division's chief law enforcement officer or designee;

(c) Three members appointed by the county of Washoe;

(1) One member must be the Washoe County sheriff's designee;

(d) One non-voting member appointed by the Washoe County school district.

2. Qualifications. A member appointed to the committee must:

(a) Be a resident of and a qualified elector in Washoe County;

(b) Possess knowledge concerning telephone systems for reporting emergencies; and

(c) May not be an elected public officer.

3. Notification of appointment. The city of Reno, the city of Sparks and the Washoe County school district shall provide Washoe County with written notification of each of their respective appointed members, including the member's term.

4. Term. The terms of all existing members shall expire on November 16, 2017. Each member shall serve a four year term, which expires on June 30th of the respective term. However, following enactment of this section, the city of Reno, the city of Sparks and Washoe County shall appoint one member for an initial 2-year term. The initial term of the member from the Washoe County school district shall expire on June 30, 2023.

5. Removal. A member may be removed for cause by the

appointing body in accordance with procedures established by the appointing body.

6. Chairperson. A chairperson shall be selected from among the members at the first meeting in January of each year and must rotate each year among the appointees from the city of Sparks, city of Reno and Washoe County.

SECTION 4. Section 65.460 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

65.440 Rules; records; quorum.

1. Rules. The committee shall adopt rules for the conduct of business.

2. Records. The committee shall keep a record of its business, which record shall be a public record. Complete records of actions of the committee shall be kept on file in the department of the county manager.

3. Quorum. A quorum consists of a majority of the members. Action may be taken upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members present at the meeting.

[Business Impact Note: The Board of County Commissioners hereby finds that this ordinance does not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a business, nor does it directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business.]

Proposed on the _____ day of _____, 2019.

Proposed by Commissioner _____.

Passed on the _____ day of _____, 2019.

Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

County Clerk

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after
_____, 2019.