

**AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING CHARLESTON COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 1405 TO
INCREASE FEES IN THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT
FOR USERS OF CHARLESTON COUNTY'S ASTRO-25 DIGITAL
RADIO SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council adopted the Code of Ordinances on July 12, 2005, which was codified through Ordinance Number 1405 and,

WHEREAS, Article V of the Code deals with portions of the County's finances, and Section 2-137 sets certain fees within the County, including fees for the various users of the County's 800 MHz Digital Radio Communications System; and,

WHEREAS, Charleston County Radio Communications Department has reviewed the current costs of supplying the various services and determined that fees need to be increased in order to reflect a portion of the actual cost of providing the services, therefore, it requests that it be allowed to increase its fees for the users of radios on Charleston County's Astro-25 Digital Radio System; and,

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council finds that amending this Ordinance to increase the monthly fees per user per radio of Charleston County's Astro-25 Digital Radio System is in the best interests of Charleston County; and,

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council will have three readings of this Ordinance prior to the new fee's effective date but this new fee shall not be effective for users of the radios on Charleston County's Astro-25 Digital Radio System until January 1, 2013; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Council of Charleston County, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled, as followed:

SECTION I. FINDINGS INCORPORATED

The findings and recitals are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION II. TEXT CHANGE

Charleston County Council amends Ordinance Number 1405 and authorizes the fees for the users of the 800 MHz digital radio communication system to be as follows:

\$38.00 per radio per month for primary use of Charleston County's Astro-25 Digital Radio System

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY

If, for any reason, any part of this Ordinance is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2013.

ADOPTED and APPROVED in meeting duly assembled this 8th day of May, 2012.

CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
Teddie E. Pryor, Sr.
Chairman of Charleston County Council

ATTEST:

By: _____

Beverly T. Craven

Clerk to Charleston County Council

First Reading: March 27, 2012

Second Reading April 10, 2012

Third Reading: May 8, 2012