

**AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING THOSE PORTIONS OF
CHAPTER 2 / ARTICLE V / DIVISION 2 / SECTION 2 - 137
DEALING WITH FEES**

Section 1.0 - Purpose of Amendment, Finding

WHEREAS, County staff has reviewed the 9-1-1 emergency monthly fee as it compares to other counties in South Carolina, and as the fee compares to the costs of supplying various emergency services, and

WHEREAS, as a result of this inquiry, the County Administrator has reported that the 9-1-1 emergency fee is below the fee charged by other county governments and also does not recover an appropriate portion of the costs of providing the services related thereto, and

WHEREAS, Council finds that the fee charged by the County should be increased.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by Charleston County Council, in meeting duly assembled, as follows:

Section 2.0 - Text Change:

The pertinent portions of Section 2 - 137 of the Charleston County Code of Ordinance entitled "Schedule established" are hereby amended as follows: 9-1-1 Emergency service fee:

- 1. Fee per month upon each local exchange facility subscribed by telephone subscribers.....0.50

Section 3.0 - Effective dates; severability

This ordinance shall be effective immediately following approval at third reading. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any circumstance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, this holding does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

ADOPTED and APPROVED in meeting duly assembled this 16th day of June, 2015.

CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
J. Elliot Summey
Chairman of Charleston County Council

ATTEST:

By: _____
Beverly T. Craven
Clerk to Charleston County Council

First Reading: May 28, 2015
Second Reading: June 02, 2015
Third Reading: June 16, 2015