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SUMMARY – An Ordinance Imposing a 9-1-1
Telephone Line Surcharge in Clark County, Nevada
pursuant to NRS 244A.7643.

ORDINANCE NO. _____
(of Clark County, Nevada)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 4 (REVENUE AND
TAXATION) OF THE CLARK COUNTY CODE TO ADD A NEW
CHAPTER 4.35 TO IMPOSE A 9-1-1 TELEPHONE LINE
SURCHARGE; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY
RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, in 1995 the Nevada Legislature enacted Senate Bill 473 (1995),
codified in NRS Chapter 244A, authorizing counties to impose a telephone surcharge to
enhance 9-1-1 emergency services. Subsequent legislative actions, including Senate Bill
176 (2017), Senate Bill 89 (2019), and Senate Bill 208 (2025), expanded permissible uses
of surcharge funds, established financial thresholds, and refined reporting requirements;
and

WHEREAS, Clark County adopts these provisions to ensure that the 9-1-1
emergency response system provides efficient, interoperable, and technologically
advanced public safety communications.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF NEVADA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Title 4 of the Clark County Code is amended to add a new chapter

to read as follows:

CHAPTER 4.35 9-1-1 Telephone Line Surcharge

4.35.001 Findings and Declarations.

NRS 244A.7643 authorized the Board to adopt an ordinance for the enhancement of the telephone system for reporting an emergency in Clark County and for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices. Pursuant to NRS 244A.7643 the Board has adopted a 9-1-1 Surcharge five-year master plan.

4.35.010 Definitions.

- (1) "Board " means the board of county commissioners of the county of Clark.
- (2) "Committee" means the Clark County 9-1-1 Emergency Response Advisory Committee established pursuant to Section 4.35.030.
- (3) "County" means Clark County.
- (4) "Law enforcement agency" has the meaning as described in NRS 289.830(3)(a). and as it may be amended from time to time.
- (5) "Portable event recording device" means a device issued to a peace officer by a law enforcement agency to be worn on his or her body and which records both audio and visual events occurring during an encounter with a member of the public while performing his or her duties as a peace officer.
- (6) "Surcharge" means the monthly fee imposed on telephone access lines, trunk lines, and mobile numbers pursuant to Section 4.35.020.

- (7) “Telephone company” means a company providing local telephone service to customers within the boundaries of Clark County, including, but not limited to cellular phone services.
- (8) “Trunk line” means a line which provides a channel between a switchboard owned by a customer of a telecommunications provider and the local exchange of the telecommunication provider.
- (9) “Vehicular event recording device” means a device which is affixed to a marked vehicle of a law enforcement agency and which records both audio and visual events.

4.35.020 Telephone line surcharge, duties of telephone companies, penalties; special revenue fund.

- (1) Beginning April 1, 2026, the Board hereby imposes the following charges for each access line, trunk line and mobile telephone number assigned to customers within Clark County:
 - (a) One dollar (\$1.00) per month for each access line to the local exchange of a telecommunications provider;
 - (b) Ten dollars (\$10.00) per month for each trunk line to the local exchange of a telecommunications provider; and
 - (c) One dollar (\$1.00) per month for each telephone number assigned to a customer by a supplier of mobile telephone service within Clark County.
- (2) Each month the Telephone company shall collect the Surcharge from its customers and remit the Surcharge to the treasurer of the County no later than the fifteenth (15th) day of the month after the month the Telephone company receives

- payment of the Surcharge from its customers. The Telephone company may retain an amount of the Surcharge collected which is equal to the cost to collect the Surcharge.
- (3) A Surcharge imposed and collected by a Telephone company pursuant to this section shall be considered subject to penalty for purposes of this subsection if not permitted to the County within ninety (90) days from the date established for remittance to the County.
- (4) A penalty in the amount of five percent (5%) of the amount determined to be delinquent shall be assessed and made payable within the next monthly remittance.
- (5) All money collected from the Surcharge pursuant to this section shall be deposited into a special revenue fund and shall be expended solely for purposes allowed in 244A.7645.
- (6) The county manager may adopt procedures necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to, a schedule of transfer of the Surcharge by Telephone companies to the County and review of costs for collection.

4.35.030 Creation of 9-1-1 Emergency Response Advisory Committee.

The Clark County 9-1-1 Emergency Response Advisory Committee is hereby created pursuant to NRS 244A.7645. The Committee shall develop, maintain, and annually review the County's Five-Year Master Plan for 9-1-1 services and recommend Surcharge expenditures to the Board.

4.35.035 Membership; Qualifications; Terms; Removal

(1) **Membership.** The membership of the Committee, subject to the provisions of Subsection 2(c) of this Section, shall be as follows:

- (a) Two members appointed by the City of Boulder City; one member must be the chief law enforcement officer or designee of the City of Boulder Police Department, and one member must be the chief law enforcement officer or designee of the City of Boulder City Municipal Court Marshal Division.
- (b) Two members appointed by the City of Las Vegas; one member must be the chief law enforcement officer or designee of the Las Vegas Justice Court Marshal Division.
- (c) Two members appointed by the City of Henderson; one member must be the chief law enforcement officer or designee of the Henderson Police Department, and one member must be the chief law enforcement officer or designee of the City of Henderson Municipal Court Marshal Division.
- (d) Two members appointed by the Fiscal Affairs Committee of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department; one member must be the chief law enforcement officer or designee of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.
- (e) Two members appointed by the City of Mesquite; one member must be the chief law enforcement officer or designee of the Mesquite Police Department.

- (f) Two members appointed by the City of North Las Vegas; one member must be the chief law enforcement officer or designee of the North Las Vegas Police Department, and one member must be the chief law enforcement officer or designee of the City of North Las Vegas Municipal Court Marshal Division.
- (g) Two members appointed by Clark County.

Each jurisdiction may also appoint one (1) alternate member who may vote in the absence of a primary member.

(2) **Qualifications.** Each member of the Committee must:

- (a) Be a resident of Clark County;
- (b) Be employees of the appointing agency with direct knowledge of 9-1-1 operations, emergency communications, or public safety administration and have authority to provide input on operational and policy decisions;
and
- (c) Not be an elected public officer.

(3) **Term.** Members shall serve four-year terms and may be reappointed by their appointing authority. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing agency.

(4) **Removal.** Members may be removed at the discretion of their appointing agency.

(5) **Leadership.** A Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected annually. The Chair shall rotate among the participating agencies on a yearly basis.

4.35.040 Bylaw; Records; Quorum.

The Committee shall adopt bylaws consistent with Nevada's Open Meeting Law (NRS 241). The County shall provide a Recording Secretary and support staff for

agendas, meeting minutes, records management, and compliance. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of voting members. Committee action requires the affirmative vote of a majority of members present.

SECTION 2. If any section of this ordinance or portion thereof is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate the remaining parts of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. All ordinances, parts of ordinances, chapters, sections, subsections, clauses, phrases or sentences contained in the Clark County Code in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect on and be in force from and after its passage and the publication thereof by title only, together with the names of the County Commissioners voting for or against its passage, in a newspaper published in and having a general circulation in Clark County, Nevada, at least once a week for a period of two (2) weeks.

PROPOSED on the ____ day of _____ 202__.

PROPOSED BY: _____

PASSED on the ____ day of _____ 202__.

AYES: _____

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

By: _____, Chair

ATTEST:

Lynn Marie Goya, County Clerk

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the ____ day of _____, 2026.