

ORDINANCE NO. 85-24

AN ORDINANCE OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF A FEE TO BE PAID BY LOCAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SUBSCRIBERS PURSUANT TO THE FLORIDA EMERGENCY TELEPHONE ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR THE FEE TO BE EFFECTIVE ON NOVEMBER 1, 1985; PROVIDING FOR A FEE OF FIFTY CENTS (50¢) PER MONTH PER LINE FOR EACH LOCAL EXCHANGE SUBSCRIBER; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR MANNER OF COLLECTION OF THE FEE; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT TO THE TELEPHONE COMPANY AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE; PROVIDING FOR INDEMNIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SIMULTANEOUS REPEAL UPON REPEAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE THE FEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECRETARY OF STATE

OCT 21 4 45 PM 1985

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA,:

SECTION I. Pursuant to the "Florida Emergency Telephone Act", as amended, (Section 365.171, Florida Statutes 1983, as amended), there is imposed a fee of fifty cents (50¢) per month upon each individual telephone exchange line served or to be served by the Hernando County 911 service, which said fee shall be paid by local telephone subscribers for all individual exchange lines up to and including twenty-five (25) lines.

SECTION II. The definition of terms set out in the "Florida Emergency Telephone Act", as amended, (Section 365.171, Florida Statutes 1983, as amended), are adopted as the definition of terms in this Ordinance.

SECTION III. The fees imposed under this Ordinance shall be collected by the telephone companies providing "911" services and equipment to Hernando County, and all proceeds shall be remitted to Hernando County, less an administrative fee equal to one percent (1%) of the fees collected, which administrative fee

shall be retained by the telephone companies as provided in the "Florida Emergency Telephone Act", as amended.

SECTION IV. The remittance to Hernando County provided for in Section III above, shall be within thirty (30) days following the regular billing cycle utilized by the telephone companies in billing their subscribers for telephone service.

SECTION V. The fees imposed hereunder shall be effective November 1, 1985, and continue thereafter for a period of eighteen (18) months.

SECTION VI. The fees collected hereunder shall be used by the County to provide "911" service and equipment for Hernando County, as provided for in the "Florida Emergency Telephone Act" as amended, for incurred nonrecurring charges, or for nonrecurring charges which either have been or may be incurred by the County for its initial provision or subsequent addition of "911" service or equipment, or both service and equipment.

SECTION VII. The telephone companies providing "911" service to Hernando County shall include a monthly charge of fifty cents (50¢) per line up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) lines per subscriber in the telephone companies regular billing for telephone service.

SECTION VIII. The telephone companies providing "911" service to Hernando County are indemnified by Hernando County in accordance with the provisions of the "Florida Emergency Telephone Act", as amended.

SECTION IX. Any repeal of the authority granted to counties under the "Florida Emergency Telephone Act", as amended, to impose the fees set forth herein shall be the repeal of this Ordinance.

SECTION X. The Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners shall establish appropriate accounting procedures to administer the funds collected pursuant to this Ordinance; which said funds shall be utilized pursuant to the provisions of the "Florida Emergency Telephone Act", as amended.

SECTION XI. It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County Commissioners that if any section, subsection, clause sentence or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held unconstitutional or invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION XII. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon receipt of official acknowledgment from the office of the Secretary of State of Florida that this Ordinance has been filed with said office.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS in Regular Session this 15th day of October, 1985.

(SEAL)

Attest:

Harold William Brown  
Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

By:

Leonard F. Fria Jr.  
Chairman