

COUNTY OF BUCKS

ORDINANCE NO. 83A

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 83 ENACTED MAY 20, 1992 PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF A FEE AGAINST TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS IN THE COUNTY OF BUCKS, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE NON-RECURRING COSTS, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATING COSTS OF A 9-1-1- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE ACT.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the County of Bucks, Pennsylvania (the "County") enacted Ordinance No. 83 on May 20, 1992, providing for the assessment and collection of a fee against telephone subscribers in the County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the non-recurring costs, maintenance, and operating costs of a 9-1-1 emergency communications system pursuant to the Public Safety emergency telephone Act; and

WHEREAS, as required by the Pennsylvania Public Safety Emergency Telephone Act, Bucks County submitted a revision to its 9-1-1 Plan to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the Public Utility Commission on February 20, 1998; and

WHEREAS, that Plan calls for an increase to the fee assessed on telephone lines that was put in place via Bucks County Ordinance No. 83; and

WHEREAS, a special public meeting was held December 29, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time for the purpose of setting a monthly contribution rate of \$1.00 per telephone subscriber line, for non-recurring and recurring costs under the Public Safety Emergency Telephone Act; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of said meeting was to obtain public comments from residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, said meeting was duly advertised at least ten (10) days in advance of said meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Bucks County's 9-1-1 system has been approved by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council; and

WHEREAS, the contribution rate of \$1.00 per telephone subscriber line has been approved by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission;

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BUCKS, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME:

SECTION 1

A fee of \$1.00 per telephone line is hereby assessed against every telephone subscriber line in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

SECTION 2

The aforesaid assessment shall commence on June 1, 1998.

SECTION 3

Bell of Pennsylvania and Commonwealth Telephone Company and any other telephone companies who provide or may hereafter provide telephone service to subscribers in Bucks County are hereby authorized to assess, bill, and collect the sum of \$1.00 per line from each telephone subscriber in Bucks County and forward the same on a monthly basis to the Bucks County Treasurer for approved expenses under the Public Safety Emergency Telephone Act.

SECTION 4

The County of Bucks recognizes and hereby accepts the responsibility for any collection activity arising from non-payment.

SECTION 5

The provisions of the Ordinance are severable and if any of its provisions shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the decision of the Court shall not affect or invalidate any of the remaining provisions. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of the Commissioners of Bucks County that this Ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision had not been included herein.

SECTION 6

Any Ordinance or part of any Ordinance or Resolution conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance or is inconsistent with this Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately. **ORDAINED AND ENACTED** as an Ordinance this 17th day of June, 1998.

COUNTY OF BUCKS BY:

Charles H. Martin, Chairman

ATTEST:

David G. Steinbach,
County Administrator

Michael G. Fitzpatrick, Commissioner

Sandra A. Miller, Commissioner