

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
KENTON COUNTY FISCAL COURT
KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

ORDINANCE NO. 320.15

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE FISCAL COURT OF KENTON COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, ESTABLISHING A SERVICE FEE FOR ENHANCED 911 EMERGENCY DISPATCH SERVICES TO OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY IN KENTON COUNTY COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, Kenton County is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and pursuant to KRS 67.083 has the authority to provide and finance various governmental services within broad functional areas specified in the statute, AND;

WHEREAS, the establishment, maintenance and operation of the Kenton County Communications Center is an essential public safety service used by residents of Kenton County as well as workers and travelers while situated in the county, AND;

WHEREAS, the Kenton County Fiscal Court has determined that it is essential to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Kenton County that quality services emergency communications and 911 emergency services be provided by the Kenton County Communications Center, AND;

WHEREAS, the Kenton County Fiscal Court previously authorized a 911 service fee apportioning the required annual operational appropriation for 911 services among six classifications of real property based on an analysis of the percentage of 911 calls for service made to the Kenton County Emergency Communications Center during the preceding year, AND;

WHEREAS, an analysis of the calls for service from the various classifications of real property has resulted in the need for amendments to the existing ordinances to produce an equitable distribution of the burden of funding 911 Emergency Dispatch services among all the citizens of Kenton County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT, COUNTY OF KENTON, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY:

Section I

The Kenton County Fiscal Court hereby amends Chapter 33.13 of the Kenton County Code of Ordinances, as enacted by Kenton County Ordinance 320.7 and amended in Kenton County Ordinances 320.8 and 320.9, 320.10, 320.11, 320.13, and 320.14 as follows:

33.13 COLLECTION OF 911 SERVICE FEE

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C. The Fiscal Court hereby imposes an annual 911 service fee of ~~seventy five dollars (\$75.00)~~ seventy dollars (\$70.00) upon each Low-Density Residential Parcel.

D. The Fiscal Court hereby imposes an annual 911 service fee of ~~three hundred and forty dollars (\$340.00)~~ two hundred and eighty dollars (\$280.00) upon each Medium-Density Residential Parcel. However, no Medium-Density Residential Parcel shall be assessed a fee under this section greater than the total number of units of residential space located on the parcel multiplied by the Low-Density Residential Parcel fee as described in §33.13(C).

E. The Fiscal Court hereby imposes an annual 911 service fee of ~~four thousand five hundred and ninety five dollars (\$4,595.00)~~ four thousand six hundred and ten dollars (\$4,610.00) upon each High-Density Residential Parcel. However, no High-Density Residential Parcel shall be assessed a fee under this section greater than the total number of units of residential space located on the parcel multiplied by the Low-Density Residential Parcel fee as described in §33.13(C).

F. The Fiscal Court hereby imposes an annual 911 service fee of ~~two hundred and forty five dollars (\$245.00)~~ two hundred and forty dollars (\$240.00) upon each Commercial Non-Retail Parcel.

G. The Fiscal Court hereby imposes an annual 911 service fee of ~~two thousand six hundred and thirty dollars (\$2,630.00)~~ two thousand three hundred and eighty dollars (\$2,380.00) upon each Super Retail Commercial Parcel.

H. The Fiscal Court hereby imposes an annual 911 service fee of ~~four hundred and thirty five dollars (\$435.00)~~ eight hundred sixty dollars (\$860.00) upon each Large Retail Commercial Parcel.

I. The Fiscal Court hereby imposes an annual 911 service fee of ~~four hundred and thirty five dollars (\$435.00)~~ five hundred and five dollars (\$505.00) upon each Medium Retail Commercial Parcel.

J. The Fiscal Court hereby imposes an annual 911 service fee of ~~three hundred dollars (\$300.00)~~ two hundred sixty five dollars (\$265.00) upon each Small Retail Commercial Parcel.

K. The Fiscal Court hereby imposes an annual 911 service fee of ~~two hundred and sixty five dollars (\$265.00)~~ two hundred twenty five dollars (\$225.00) upon each Tiny Retail Commercial Parcel.

L. The Fiscal Court hereby imposes an annual 911 service fee of ~~seventy five (\$75.00)~~ seventy dollars (\$70.00) upon each Public Use Parcel.

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Section II

Should any section or part of any section or any provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, for any reason, such declaration shall not invalidate, or adversely affect, the remainder of this Ordinance. Further, should any 911 service fee levied herein be declared invalid as applied to any class of property, the fee for any parcel within that class or classes of property shall be no less than the lowest 911 service fee imposed by this ordinance.

Section III

That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force when passed, published and recorded according to law. Any ordinances, resolutions, or executive orders in conflict with any section of this ordinance are hereby repealed or rescinded.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2023.

1st Reading – August 15th, 2023

2nd Reading - _____, 2023. Vote: _____, Yes, _____, No

Fiscal Court of Kenton County, Kentucky

By: _____
Kris Knochelmann, Judge/Executive

Attest:

Sue Kaiser, Fiscal Court Clerk