

AN ORDINANCE 2008-06-12-0533

AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION IN SUBSCRIBER RATES FOR THIRD PARTY OUTSIDE AGENCIES USING THE SAN ANTONIO/BEXAR COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SEC. 2-501 OF THE SAN ANTONIO CITY CODE TO REFLECT THE REDUCTION.

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WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio and Bexar County jointly operate and manage a Public Safety Radio System through the City of San Antonio/Bexar County Radio System Joint Operations Committee (JOC); and

WHEREAS, the radio system was designed and implemented to promote interoperability between the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, and public Service agencies in the region to facilitate the delivery of critical services; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote and encourage increased participation of third party agencies in the Public Safety Radio System, the JOC has unanimously approved lowering the subscriber rates, **NOW THEREFORE**;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Code of San Antonio, Texas is hereby amended by adding language that is underlined (added) and deleting the language that is stricken (deleted) to the existing text as set forth in this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Chapter 2 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-501. Radio system fees.

The following fees [are imposed] for third party outside agencies. For purposes of this section, outside agencies shall be any entity using the public safety radio system other than the city or the County of Bexar.

- (1) Autonomous public safety dispatch access for third party outside agencies as follows.

Monthly subscriber fee, per radio . . . ~~\$35.00~~ \$18.00

Annual talk group fee, per dedicated talk group . . . ~~5000.00~~ 500.00

Explanation: Used by third party outside agencies, that maintain their own autonomous PSAP/Dispatch Center. Access to the Simulcast System provided. Access to level 1 sites contingent on demonstrated and justifiable public safety requirement. Radio operating procedures must be approved by the JOC and conform to standards used by city and/or county primary user agencies. Dedicated, internal groups will be allocated by the JOC to support the outside agency's operational requirements. Interoperability hailing groups and common groups provided.

(2) Autonomous local government dispatch access for third party outside agencies as follows:

Monthly subscriber fee, per radio . . . ~~\$35.00~~ \$18.00

Annual talk group fee, per dedicated talk group . . . ~~5000.00~~ 500.00

Explanation: Used by third party outside agencies that desire to use the radio system to support internal, autonomous local government (public works, animal control, etc.) operations. Access to the Simulcast System provided. Access to level 1 sites contingent on demonstrated and justifiable operational requirements and agency business plan. Radio operating procedures must be approved by the JOC and conform to standards used by city and/or county primary user agencies. Dedicated internal groups will be allocated by the JOC to support the third party outside agency's operational requirements. interoperability hailing groups and common groups provided.

(3) Sponsored public safety dispatch access for third party outside agencies as follows:

Monthly subscriber fee, per radio . . . ~~\$35.00~~ \$18.00

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SECTION 3. To the extent there is a conflict with another Ordinance or provision of the City Code, this Ordinance shall supersede.

SECTION 4. All other provisions of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas shall remain in full force and effect unless expressly amended by this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Should any Article, Section, Part, Paragraph, Sentence, Phrase, Clause, or Word of this ordinance, for any reason be held illegal, inoperative, or invalid, or if any exception to or limitation upon any general provision herein contained be held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective, the remainder shall, nevertheless, stand effective

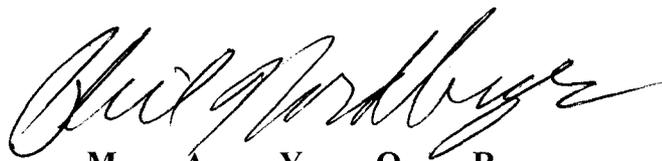
and valid as if it had been enacted and ordained without the portion held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective.

SECTION 6. The publishers of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas are authorized to amend said Code to reflect the changes adopted herein and to correct typographical errors and to format and number paragraphs to conform to the existing code.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk is directed to publish notice of these amendments to the City Code of the City of San Antonio, Texas. Publication shall be in an official newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 17 of the City Charter.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall be effective on the tenth day after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of June, 2008.



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PHIL HARDBERGER

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney



Request for
**COUNCIL
ACTION**

City of San Antonio



Agenda Voting Results - 27

Name:	8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28A, 28B, 29A, 29B, 30, 31, 32, 33, 37, 38, 39A, 39B, 39C
Date:	06/12/2008
Time:	10:17:35 AM
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve
Description:	An Ordinance authorizing a reduction in subscriber rates for third party outside agencies using the San Antonio/Bexar County Public Safety Radio System, and amending Chapter 2, Sec. 2-501 of the San Antonio City Code to reflect the reduction. [Richard Varn, Chief Information Officer; Hugh Miller, Director, Information Technology Services]
Result:	Passed

Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Phil Hardberger	Mayor		x				
Mary Alice P. Cisneros	District 1		x				
Sheila D. McNeil	District 2		x				
Jennifer V. Ramos	District 3		x				x
Philip A. Cortez	District 4		x				
Lourdes Galvan	District 5		x				
Delicia Herrera	District 6		x			x	
Justin Rodriguez	District 7		x				
Diane G. Cibrian	District 8		x				
Louis E. Rowe	District 9		x				
John G. Clamp	District 10		x				



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
Request for Council Action

Agenda Item # 27
Council Meeting Date: 6/12/2008
RFCA Tracking No: R-3394

DEPARTMENT: Information Technology
Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Hugh Miller

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) IMPACTED:
City Wide

SUBJECT:
Public Safety Radio System Usage Rates for External Agencies

SUMMARY:
An ordinance authorizing an amendment to Chapter 2, Sec. 2-501 of the City Code, reducing subscriber rates for external agencies.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of San Antonio and Bexar County jointly manage and operate a Public Safety Radio System through a Joint Operations Committee. The intent of the Radio System is to allow interoperability between the Bexar County Sheriff's Department, SAPD, SAFD, other City departments including Public Works, and other Public Safety and Public Service agencies in the region to facilitate the delivery of critical services. These agencies also operate within their designated talk groups to support their day-to-day operational needs.

To date, twenty six external agencies are subscribed to the Radio System including the City of Windcrest Police and Fire Departments, the University of Texas at San Antonio Police Department, several school districts including Edgewood Independent School District, and the National Park Service Park Police to name a few. Agencies participating in the Radio System pay for each subscriber unit (individual radio) and for use of a talk group according to a standard rate plan per Chapter 2, Sec. 2-501 of the City Code.

The current rate plan is as follows:

Subscriber monthly access charge - \$35.00

Subscriber annual charge for individual talk group - \$5,000.00

In order to encourage more local agency participation to better facilitate interoperability, the Radio System Joint Operations Committee has unanimously approved changing those rates as follows:

Subscriber monthly access charge - \$18.00
 Subscriber annual charge for individual talk group - \$500.00

Currently, annual external agency subscriber revenue is approximately \$113,045.00. With the proposed rate change, additional agencies pledging to subscribe to the Radio System will provide revenue gains of approximately \$9,515.00, bringing annual revenue to approximately \$122,560.00 by 2010.

ISSUE:

Amending Chapter 2, Sec. 2-501 of the City Code to reduce subscriber rates to the Public Safety Radio System will increase interoperability with other public safety agencies in the region, and ultimately increase radio system revenues.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council has the alternative to not amend the City Code reducing subscriber rates thus, not realizing a revenue increase by 2010. Reducing the subscriber rates will encourage local agency participation of the Public Safety Radio System.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Within two years of reducing subscriber rates, the City anticipates an overall revenue increase of approximately \$9,515.00. These funds will be deposited into the Information Technology Services Department's Internal Service Fund in support of the Public Safety Radio System.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the amendment to the City Code related to the Public Safety Radio System, which will encourage more local agency participation and increase revenues by 2010.

ATTACHMENT(S):

File Description	File Name
Voting Results	
Ordinance/Supplemental Documents	200806120533.pdf

DEPARTMENT HEAD AUTHORIZATIONS:

Hugh Miller Director Information Technology Services

APPROVED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Richard Varn Chief Information Officer