

**IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**AN ORDINANCE** renewing the tax and setting its rate at 7.00% of the tariff rate, for each local telephone access line, not to exceed 100 lines per person or per location, for emergency telephone service utilizing a single three-digit number "911."

**ORDINANCE NO. 5390**, August 24, 2020

**INTRODUCED BY** Theresa Cass Galvin, County Legislator

WHEREAS, sections 190.300 et seq., RSMo, as amended, authorized the County Legislature to establish a tax, upon a vote of the people, to finance an emergency telephone service, in an amount not to exceed two percent of the tariff rate, in those areas of the County where emergency 911 telephone service has been contracted for; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 940, dated January 11, 1982, the proposal was submitted to the voters of Jackson County on August 6, 1982, for their approval of such service and tax, in accordance with section 190.320, RSMo, and a majority of the votes cast on the proposal were in favor thereof; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 3771, dated May 22, 2006, a proposal was submitted to the voters of the County on August 8, 2006, for their approval of an increased maximum rate of such tax up to 7.00% of the tariff rate, and, again, a majority of the votes cast on the proposal were in favor thereof; and,

WHEREAS, area telephone service companies provide 911 emergency telephone service to Jackson County, and collect a tax of 6.00% of the tariff rate for this service, pursuant to

Ordinance 5247, dated August 5, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, in view of estimated operating costs and plans of the regional E-911 system presented by the Mid-America Regional Council, it is appropriate that the tax be renewed County-wide at a rate of 7.00% of the tariff rate; and,

WHEREAS, the tax rate proposed does not exceed the rate authorized by the voters at the election of August 8, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined that, for the protection and preservation of public health and welfare, the operation of an emergency telephone system is beneficial to the citizens of the County; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri as follows:

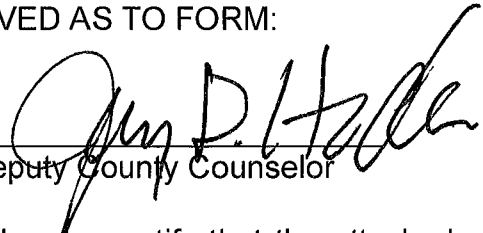
1. A tax for emergency telephone service, at the rate of 7.00% of the tariff rate for each local telephone exchange access line not to exceed 100 lines per person per location, is renewed, in those portions of Jackson County for which 911 emergency telephone service has been contracted for; and,

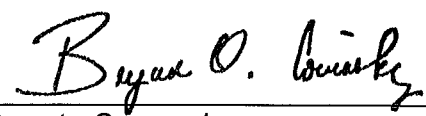
2. Such tax shall be renewed, as specified herein, subject to adjustments in percentage provided for by sections 190.300 et seq., RSMo.

3. Collection of said tax shall commence immediately and continue uninterrupted.

Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its signature by the County Executive.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Chief Deputy County Counselor

  
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County Counselor

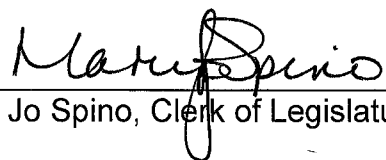
I hereby certify that the attached ordinance, Ordinance No. 5390 introduced on August 24, 2020, was duly passed on August 31, 2020 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9  
Abstaining 0

Nays 0  
Absent 0

This Ordinance is hereby transmitted to the County Executive for his signature.

8/31/2020  
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Date

  
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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance No.5390.

8/31/2020  
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Date

  
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Frank White, Jr., County Executive