

Ordinance #7

ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE MISUSE OF THE E-911 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM:

1. Emergency defined.

An emergency exists when human life or property is in jeopardy and the prompt summoning of aid is essential.

2. County infractions defined.

It shall be a simple misdemeanor to:

A. Call the Emergency 911 Communication Center for any non-emergency purpose;

B. Report or cause to be reported on or to the Emergency 911 Communication Center information known to be false;

C. Permit a telephone under one's control to be used to call the Emergency 911 Communication Center for any non-emergency purpose or for the purpose of reporting information known to be false;

D. Otherwise knowingly and intentionally obstruct or interfere with the Emergency 911 Communication Center.

3. Evidentiary Presumption.

If evidence is presented that more than two communications have initiated from the same telephone number, using the 911 telephone number, and which were not emergency communications or falsely purported to be emergency communications, the trier of fact may infer that the customer to whom that telephone number is assigned permitted a telephone under his or her control to be used in violation of Section 2, above.

4. Saving Clause.

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

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