

CITY OF GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-13

AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW ARTICLE TO GEORGETOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 19, PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A 911 SERVICE FEE TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS OF THE GEORGETOWN-SCOTT COUNTY 911 CENTER.

SUMMARY

1. Provides for the imposition of a monthly 911 Service Fee on every occupied unit in the City of Georgetown.
2. States a schedule of fees, mechanism for collection of the fees and requirements for excess funds and revenue monitoring.
3. Provides for repeal of inconsistent ordinances, severability of provisions and an effective date upon passage and publication.

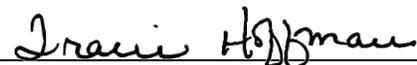
The full text of Ordinance 2020-13 is available for examination in the City Clerk's Office, 100 North Court Street, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324 or at [www.georgetownky.gov](http://www.georgetownky.gov).

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INTRODUCED AND PUBLICLY READ FIRST TIME: August 24, 2020

PUBLICLY READ SECOND TIME AND PASSED: September 14, 2020

APPROVED:   
Tom Prather, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Tracie Hoffman, City Clerk

I, Devon E. Golden, hereby certify I am an Attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. My office is located at 100 North Court Street, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324. I further certify the foregoing Summary of Ordinance 2020-13, of the City of Georgetown, Kentucky, was prepared in accordance with the requirements of KRS 83A.060(9) and is a true and accurate summary of the contents of said Ordinance.

  
Devon E. Golden

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SPONSORS: Connie Tackett and David Lusby

WHEREAS, KRS 65.760 provides that the financial support of 911 emergency services “may be obtained through the levy of any special tax, license or fee not in conflict with the Constitution and Statutes of this state;” and,

WHEREAS, the Georgetown City Council seeks to support the present and future operations of the Georgetown-Scott County 911 Center via imposition of a dedicated fee; and,

WHEREAS, the Georgetown City Council believes that distributing the burden of supporting 911 emergency operations among citizens through a fee on the Georgetown Municipal Water and Sewer Service utility bill provides a fair and equitable avenue for assessing and collecting this fee; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY:

**SECTION ONE**

A new Article of Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances is created to read as follows:

**911 Service Fee Assessed.**

There shall be a monthly 911 Service Fee imposed upon each occupied unit located in the City of Georgetown, Kentucky. For purposes of this Article, “unit” shall include all classes of property, including but not limited to, commercial, residential, industrial, and agricultural. A unit will be considered “occupied” if it generates the need for services such as water, sewer, gas, telephone, electric or solid waste collection. Multi-family units, including but not limited to apartment buildings and commercial strip malls, using a master water meter shall be assessed a fee for each individual dwelling unit or commercial/industrial unit.

The following schedule of 911 Service Fee rates shall apply to each occupied unit:

Rate Effective December 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021:	\$6.00 per month
Rate Effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022:	\$7.00 per month
Rate Effective July 1, 2022	\$8.00 per month

**Collection of 911 Service Fee.**

- (a) The 911 Service Fees collected shall be utilized for expenditures directly attributable to the establishment, operation, or maintenance of a public safety answering point (“PSAP”), the delivery of 911 emergency services, or the provision of wireless enhanced 911 services, as provided in KRS 65.670.
- (b) Effective December 1, 2020, GMWSS shall collect the 911 Service Fee and remit collections, on not less than a quarterly basis, to the City of Georgetown. GMWSS shall be permitted to retain not more than 7% of the 911 Service Fee to offset administrative collection costs, as negotiated on an annual basis with the City of Georgetown Finance Director, Mayor and GMWSS Administration.
- (c) GMWSS may, in collaboration with the City, adopt administrative regulations governing the collection and payment of the 911 Service Fee.
- (d) Any party responsible for payment of the 911 Service Fee who misrepresents his/her/its obligation to remit the Fee shall be subject to a Class A Misdemeanor. The failure of any party responsible for payment of the 911 Service Fee to remit the 911 Service Fee(s) as required herein shall be assessed a penalty of \$10.00 per month per delinquent occupied unit.

**Excess Funds and Revenue Monitoring.**

Excess funds received from collection of the 911 Service Fee shall be placed into a separate, dedicated fund for expenditures directly attributable to the establishment, operation, or maintenance of a public safety answering point (“PSAP”), the delivery of 911 emergency services, or the provision of wireless enhanced 911 services, as provided in KRS 65.670. Excess funds generated by the 911 Service Fee shall not be commingled with general fund revenues. The City shall annually evaluate whether the revenues generated by this fee are sufficient to support the present and future needs of the Georgetown-Scott County 911 Center.

**SECTION TWO**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or a portion of this ordinance is declared illegal or unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such declaration shall not affect the remaining portions hereof.

**SECTION THREE**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION FOUR**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and publication.

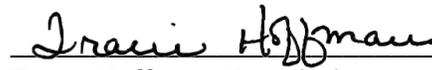
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