

**THE CITY OF PARK HILLS, KENTUCKY
RESOLUTION NO. 21, 2012**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PARK HILLS, KENTUCKY
OPPOSING THE IMPOSITION OF A 911 FLAT RATE
PARCEL SERVICE FEE FOR FUNDING A
CONSOLIDATED DISPATCHING CENTER**

WHEREAS, the City Council of The City of Park Hills, Kentucky applauds the efforts of the Kenton County Fiscal Court and the City of Covington, Kentucky to work collectively for the consolidation of dispatching services to enhance the safety of our first responders and the efficiency of their emergency responses to the residents of and visitors to Kenton County; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the continuing challenges associated with funding 911 Dispatching Services via a fee on Cincinnati Bell Subscriber Services due to the significant decline in the number of telephone landlines, which resulted in this method of funding being no longer viable; and

WHEREAS, we believe that authority presently exists to enable the Kenton County Fiscal Court to impose a monthly service fee/subscriber charge on electrical and power services provided by Duke Energy and other electrical service suppliers to their customers within Kenton County; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of a 911 Flat Rate Parcel Service Fee is an undue burden on taxpayers who are property owners within Kenton County and does not allocate fairly and equally the burden of funding the 911 Emergency Dispatch Center among its users; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of the 911 Flat Rate Parcel Service Fees on properties owned by other governmental entities is a blatant instance of double taxation; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Parcel Fee Appeals Board having the authority to waive said fees for property owners applying for annual or permanent fee exclusions on the basis of unintended or unfair hardships can lead to arbitrary and capricious waivers, as a 911 Flat Rate Parcel Service Fee places an undue hardship and burden on all property owners and sets a dangerous precedent for the inequitable allocation of fees to only a small portion of the users and stake holders of the system.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of The City of Park Hills, Kentucky hereby states its vigorous opposition to the imposition of a 911 Flat Rate Parcel Service Fee to fund a Consolidated Emergency Dispatch Center, and calls upon the Kenton County Fiscal Court to re-evaluate its support of the 911 Flat Rate Parcel Service Fee, and in lieu thereof, adopt a subscriber charge/service fee on all metered electrical and power services provided throughout Kenton County.

AGREED, DETERMINED and RESOLVED this 27th day of November 2012,
at a special meeting of the City Council of The City of Park Hills, Kentucky.



DON CATCHEN, MAYOR

Attest:



JULIET A. ALIG, CLERK