

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

City Council Meeting: June 11, 2019

Department: Public Safety

Subject: Resolution No. 19-R-69 Approval of the Bexar Metro 911 Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

BACKGROUND:

Bexar Metro 911, by its charter under the Texas Health and Safety Code is required to seek approval of its annual budget from all of the governmental entities for which it provides 911 services. This is done to ensure that all communities under the umbrella of this organization have an opportunity to provide input and direction in the operation and focus of the agency providing 911 services.

Since its inception in 1987, Bexar Metro 911 has utilized the same wired telephone fees without any increases. This has been possible by an ever growing population utilizing wired telephones and by the inception of wireless telephones that are also charged a fee to grow and support the 911 system.

On July 25, 2018 the Bexar Metro 911 Board of Directors recommended the following increases:

- Residential Phone Lines: From \$0.22 to \$0.50 per phone line
- Business Phone Lines: From \$0.51 to \$1.00 per phone line
- Business Trunk Lines: From \$0.77 to \$1.00 per trunk line to a maximum of 100 lines

The service fee charged to wireless telephone users is set by the State of Texas and despite the 911 authorities requesting an increase in the \$0.50 fee per wireless phone, the legislation has not increased the fee. It is anticipated that the increase in wired phone line fees will provide the revenue necessary to support 911 operations and technology upgrades for at least the next five years. The current fee structure is adequate to support programmed spending in FY2020.

By approving this resolution, the City of Schertz will be accepting the proposed Bexar Metro 9-1-1 Network Fiscal Year 2020 operational and financial budget plans.

Dudley Wait continues to sit on the Bexar Metro 911 Board of Directors as the Guadalupe County representative.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the City of Schertz by approval of this budget. There will be an impact to our residents and businesses who still maintain wired telephone lines. A resident with a single wired phone line will see an increase in the 911 service from \$2.64 per year to \$6.00 per year.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approve Resolution No. 19-R-69

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 19-R-69

Judges, Mayors Letter

Bexar Metro 911 Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

2018 Annual Report

Bexar Metro Final Audit 9-30-19