

## CHAPTER 2

**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**

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5-2-1: **ESTABLISHED PURPOSE:** There is hereby established, pursuant to chapter 48 of title 31 of the Idaho Code, a consolidated countywide emergency communications system in Cassia County, Idaho, to be known as the Cassia County emergency communications system. The purpose of said system shall be to enhance the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Cassia County, Idaho.

5-2-2: **DEFINITIONS:** The Cassia County emergency communications system shall mean the facilities, Equipment and dispatching services directly related to the establishment, maintenance and enhancement of a countywide 911 emergency communications service in Cassia County, Idaho.

5-2-3: **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FEE:**

- A. Establishment; Use: There is hereby established in Cassia County, Idaho, an emergency communications fee, which shall be in the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) per month per exchange access line, trunk line, network access register, dedicated radio signal or equivalent. All fees collected pursuant to such emergency communications fee shall be used exclusively to finance the initiation, maintenance, operation and enhancement of the Cassia County consolidated emergency communications system, within the boundaries of Cassia County.

- B. **Collection:** The emergency communications fee shall be collected from customers on a monthly basis by all telecommunications entities which provide local access line service within Cassia County, Idaho. The emergency communications user fee may be listed as a separate item on customers' monthly bills.
- C. **Remittance; Administration Costs:** Telecommunications entities shall remit such fees collected to the office of the Cassia County treasurer on a monthly basis with remittances due on the thirtieth day of each month. The telecommunications entities required to collect and remit the emergency communications fee to Cassia County, pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, shall be entitled to deduct and retain from the emergency communication fees collected the sum of one percent (1%) of the collected amount as reimbursement to them for the cost of administration for collecting the charge.
- D. **Billing; Liability:** Telecommunications providers will be allowed to list the surcharge as a separate item on the telephone subscriber's bill, and shall have no obligation to take legal action to enforce the collection of any charge, nor be held liable for such uncollected amounts.

5-2-4: **APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR:** The duly elected Cassia County sheriff is hereby appointed as the official authorized to maintain and govern the operation, maintenance and establishment of a consolidated emergency communications system in Cassia County, Idaho.

5-2-5: **FUND AND APPROPRIATIONS:** The treasurer of Cassia County, Idaho, is hereby authorized and directed to establish a fund to be designated the Cassia County emergency communications fund in which all fees collected pursuant to this chapter shall be deposited and such funds shall be used exclusively for the purposes of establishing, maintaining, operating and enhancing a countywide emergency communications service in Cassia County, Idaho. The monies collected and the interest earned in this fund shall be appropriated by the county commissioners for expenses incurred by the Cassia County emergency communications system in the annual budget of Cassia County prepared by the county commissioners.