BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PACIFIC COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 123

AN ORDINANCE CREATING AN ENHANCED 911 ACCOUNT AND IMPOSING AN EXCISE TAX ON THE USE OF SWITCHED ACCESS LINES.

WHEREAS, in passing Chapter 54, Washington Laws, 1991, entitled "State-wide 911 Enhanced Service", the legislature found that a state-wide emergency communications network of enhanced 911 telephone service, which allows an immediate display of a caller's identification and location, would serve to further the safety, health, and welfare of the state's citizens and would save lives; and

WHEREAS, the legislature further found that state-wide implementation of enhanced 911 telephone service was feasible and directed that: 1) by December 31, 1998, each county, singly or in combination with adjacent counties, shall implement district-wide, county-wide, or multicounty-wide enhanced 911 emergency communications systems so that enhanced 911 is available throughout the state; and 2) each county shall provide funding for the enhanced 911 communication system in the county or district in an amount equal to the amount the maximum tax under RCW 82.14B.030(1) would generate in the county or district or the amount necessary to provide full funding of the system in the county or district, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, the legislative actions were submitted to the people as Referendum 42 during the November 5, 1991 General Election and overwhelmingly approved, thus adopted and ratified; and

WHEREAS, the legislature still further found that counties should be provided with an additional revenue source to fund enhanced 911 emergency communication systems throughout the state on a multicounty, county-wide, or district-wide basis and that the most efficient and appropriate method of deriving additional revenue for this purpose was to impose an excise tax on the use of switched access lines; and

WHEREAS, this board finds that imposition of this excise tax within Pacific County is necessary to provide the additional revenue needed to fund enhanced 911 emergency communications system planning, implementation and operating costs; now, therefore,

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF PACIFIC, STATE OF WASHINGTON, that:

<u>SECTION 1</u>: The Pacific County Enhanced 911 Account is created in the county treasury. All receipts from the county

enhanced 911 excise tax imposed by this ordinance shall be deposited into the account. Moneys in the account shall be used only to help with planning, implementation and operation of enhanced 911 for the citizens of Pacific County; and

SECTION 2: Beginning May 1, 1992, a county enhanced 911 excise tax is imposed on all switched access lines, as defined in RCW 82.14B.020(3), within Pacific County. The tax shall be uniform and shall be set at the rate of fifty cents per month for each switched access line. The Clerk of the Board of Pacific County Commissioners, together with the Pacific County Treasurer, shall provide notice of such tax to all local exchange companies, as defined in RCW 82.14B.020(4), serving in Pacific County as soon as possible but not later than March 3, 1992.

PASSED by the Board of Pacific County Commissioners meeting in regular session at South Bend, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage the 3rd day of March, 1992:

3 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; and 0 ABSENT.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael J Sullivan
Prosecuting Attorney

ATTEST:

Geraldine R Wiedberg
Clerk of the Board

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