

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2018

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB18-0984
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness

A BILL

For an ordinance amending Article III, Chapter 16 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code relating to the E-911 surcharge.

WHEREAS, Section 29-11-102 of the Colorado Revised Statutes authorizes the City to adjust the surcharge for Enhanced 911 (“E-911”) services as needed for the protection and preservation of the public health and as necessary for the acquisition of equipment, provision of initial services, and operation of the emergency telephone service; and

WHEREAS, both the City and County of Denver, Colorado (“City”), and the demand for E-911 services have grown since the current surcharge of \$0.70 was established; and

WHEREAS, the City needs to keep pace with the required technology and other resources necessary in order to maintain appropriate levels of service delivery for E-911 calls and the dispatch of emergency providers; and

WHEREAS, based on the demand for E-911 services in the City, and the requirements for technology and other resources, there is a need to raise the surcharge to \$1.20; and

WHEREAS, the revenue from the surcharge increase will help meet current and future needs for emergency services; and

WHEREAS, a surcharge above the rate of \$0.70 per month requires approval from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) before the City may increase the surcharge and in Proceeding No. 18A-0479T, the PUC did, in fact, approve a surcharge increase to \$1.20.

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