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ADOPTION **INTRODUCTION**

CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018- 15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON RECOGNIZING THE MAYOR'S AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH TWO (2) AGENCIES FOR THE TRANSFER OF 9-1-1 CALL TAKING AND DISPATCHING SERVICES OF THE COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Communications District (STPCD) currently has five (5) primary "Public Safety Answering Points" (PSAP's) and three (3) secondary answering points in St. Tammany Parish, including our Police and Fire dispatching operations at our Police Station in Covington; and

WHEREAS, the STPCD is building a new state of the art 9-1-1 Call Center on Krentel Road in Lacombe; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of STPCD to co-locate all answering points into one location, enhance interoperable communications between all first responders, consolidate E911 equipment and reduce cost by having all equipment in one location; and

WHEREAS, all research indicates that multi-agency call centers operate much more efficiently and create better communications between agencies, rather than single or individual call centers; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Covington to provide the most cost-effective means and maximize the efficiencies of providing 9-1-1 Call Taking and Dispatching Services for our municipal Police and Fire departments; and

WHEREAS, a Letter of Intent to relocate the Call Taking and Dispatching Services of the Covington Police Department and the Covington Fire Department to the new 9-1-1 Call Center was signed by the Covington Police Chief, the Covington Fire Chief and the Mayor of Covington in August, 2015; and

WHEREAS, rather than having the responsibility and expense of staffing the Radio Room of the new 9-1-1 Call Center in Lacombe with employees (dispatchers/supervisors) of the Covington Police and Fire Departments at all

times, options for providing 9-1-1 Call Taking and Dispatching Services on behalf of the City of Covington were explored; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Covington, and supported by the Chief of Police and Mayor, that the City of Covington enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office (STPSO) for the assumption of full responsibilities for providing 9-1-1 Call Taking and Dispatching Services for the Covington Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Covington, and supported by the Fire Chief and Mayor, that the City of Covington enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 for the assumption of full responsibilities for providing 9-1-1 Call Taking and Dispatching Services for the Covington Fire Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that the authority of the Mayor of the City of Covington is hereby recognized in order to execute two (2) Intergovernmental Agreements and any other documentation necessary to effectuate the transfer of 9-1-1 Call Taking and Dispatching Services on behalf of the City of Covington.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

WHEREUPON, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION by Rolling, seconded by Smith.

YEAS: 6 **ABSENT:** 1 (Coner)

NAYS: ~~0~~ **ABSTAIN:** ~~0~~

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of July, 2018.

PATRICK McMATH
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Bonnie D. Champagne
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COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor this 19th day of July, 2018, at 9:50 o'clock A.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
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COUNCIL CLERK

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 19th day of July, 2018.

MICHAEL B. COOPER
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on the 19th day of July, 2018, at 10:05 o'clock A.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
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COUNCIL CLERK