

## RESOLUTION NO. 13-01

### A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COLUMBIA 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT FIVE YEAR OPERATIONAL LEVY – May 21, 2013

**WHEREAS**, 9-1-1 service is an essential safety service for our communities and helps prevent tragedies and disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the 9-1-1 District is the coordinator and dispatcher for all 16 public safety agencies based in Columbia County, including all fire, emergency medical and police in each community, and provides related support services for other area agencies, including the Columbia County contingent of Oregon State Police and Oregon Department of Forestry; and

**WHEREAS**, the Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District provides timely, accurate and appropriate 9-1-1 and non-emergency communication coordination between our citizens and our public safety responders; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency calls for service to the 9-1-1 District have more than doubled in the past fifteen years; and

**WHEREAS**, all public safety agencies served by the 9-1-1 District participate in establishing and have endorsed necessary upgrades in tools and procedures used by the 9-1-1 staff in delivering services to all citizens and public safety agencies based in Columbia County; and

**WHEREAS**, the 9-1-1 District has fulfilled its commitments in substantially upgrading the essential equipment and service for our communities, bringing in outside dollars to fund voice and data radio systems and enhancements for all public safety agencies countywide; and

**WHEREAS**, the 9-1-1 District is not requesting additional new taxes, simply a renewal of the Operating Funds to maintain essential and reliable 9-1-1 and non-emergency call taking and dispatch services at the same level; and

**WHEREAS**, the 9-1-1 District Board of Directors proposes to renew the 9-1-1 District five year operating levy at 29 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, a rate that is the same as the past five years and is slightly less than the original levy rate approved by voters in 1998; and approval of the operating funding renewal is expected to provide the 9-1-1 District with adequate operating funds for the next five years in conjunction with 9-1-1 District permanent rate of 25.54 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Scappoose City Council supports the renewal of the Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District five year operating levy as proposed on the May 21, 2013 General Election ballot.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Scappoose City Council and signed by me, and the City Recorder, in authentication of its passage this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013.

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE, OREGON**

  
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Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest:   
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Susan M. Reeves, MMC, City Recorder