

Introduced by: Karen Jennings
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ORDINANCE NO. 08-06
REVERSE 911

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH, BY ORDINANCE, A PROCEDURE FOR THE USE OF AN ENHANCED EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND.

WHEREAS, The Town of Townsend, Delaware Town Council is authorized to make, adopt and establish all such ordinances as deemed necessary to carry into effect the provisions of Article II, Section 201.1 of the Charter of the Town of Townsend; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 401 of the Charter Town of Townsend requires the preparation of a summary proposal, the holding of public meetings and the timely placement of an advertisement concerning such summary proposal and meeting before a final plan for the implementation of an enhanced emergency telephone notification system may be adopted; and

WHEREAS, Emergency and authorized use of the enhanced emergency telephone notification system; are

Section 1 - Definitions

(A) "Enhanced Emergency Telephone Notification System" is defined as a telephone communications system which utilized a combination of data base and GIS mapping to automatically deliver outbound emergency notifications.

(B) "Emergency" is defined as any event, or possible event, that posses an imminent danger to the health and public welfare of the residents of the Town of Townsend;

Natural Disasters
Evacuation Notifications
Hazardous Materials Releases
Abduction and Hostage Situation
Prison Escapes
Sex Offender Notification (Tier 3 only)
Bomb Threat
Homeland Security Threat
State Agency Notifications of Catastrophic and/or imminent public health danger threat

(C) "Authorized Use" is defined as Town of Townsend, Town Council appointed, current Health and Public Welfare Committee member and successfully trained "enhanced emergency telephone notification" system operators.

WHEREAS, In an effort to improve public responsiveness and safety during emergency events, The Town of Townsend will employ the use of an enhanced emergency telephone notification system, operated by authorized system users; and

WHEREAS, Enhanced emergency telephone notification participation by residents of the Town of Townsend is not mandatory and residents that do not want to participate in the aforementioned program may request to be removed from the emergency telephone notification system's data base;

NOW, be it ORDAINED that the Town of Townsend enhanced emergency telephone notification system act shall become established effective immediately upon its passage into law.

SYNOPSIS

This act establishes a procedure for the use of an enhanced emergency telephone notification system in efforts to improve the health and public welfare of resident's and their responsiveness and awareness of emergency events in and around the Town of Townsend, Delaware.

First & Second Reading: May 7, 2008

Public Hearing: May 7, 2008

Third & Final Reading: June 4, 2008

Signed by: _____

Mayor of Townsend