

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-

**A RESOLUTION CREATING A PUBLIC SAFETY SUPPORT FEE
DEDICATED TO GENERAL FUND ACTIVITIES RELATING TO PUBLIC
SAFETY OPERATIONS**

RECITALS:

- A. The City of Ashland operates water and electric utilities to provide all residential and commercial electric and water service within the City of Ashland.
- B. The City of Ashland maintains a police and fire department that strive to provide excellent and full service emergency services to the community.
- C. The authorized staffing of the police department has not substantially increased in the past 20 years, remaining at approximately 28 sworn officers.
- D. The residential population of the City of Ashland has increased in the last 20 years from approximately 15,000 to approximately 21,000.
- E. The annual tourist population in the City of Ashland in the last 20 years has grown from approximately 220,000 to 320,000.
- F. With current staffing the police department is struggling to provide the highest level of service to the community.
- G. Using the existing electric and water billing system to charge and collect a public safety support fee on electric and water utility accounts is an equitable and reasonable way of generating additional revenue for the city's general fund, allowing to the city to better fund public safety resources.
- H. Funds generated through this assessment will exclusively fund public safety operations and activities.

THE CITY OF ASHLAND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A Public Safety Support Fee of **\$2.85** shall be charged each month to each City of Ashland utility customer account with an active water meter.

SECTION 2. A Public Safety Support Fee of **\$1.75** shall be charged each month to each City of Ashland utility customer account with an active electric meter.

SECTION 3. If a City of Ashland utility customer account includes both an active water and electric meter, both charges shall apply and be charged.

SECTION 4. The Public Safety Support Fee shall be charged on all rate classifications within the electric and water utilities.

SECTION 5. The Public Safety Support Fee shall be increased each July 1 proportionate to the increase in the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers (Portland-Salem) – March to March. If the Consumer Price Index is less than zero in any year, the fee would remain the same until the next CPI figure is available.

Draft Resolution

This resolution was duly PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017, and takes effect on July 1.

Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder

SIGNED and APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

John Stromberg, Mayor

Reviewed as to form:

David H. Lohman, City Attorney