

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING MISUSE OF EMERGENCY DISPATCH SERVICES ALSO KNOWN AS "911"

Whereas, the Aldermen of the City of Seligman, Missouri desire to enact an Ordinance defining the criminal offense of misuse of emergency dispatch services in the City of Seligman and providing for a penalty for its violation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SELIGMAN, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION ONE:** A person commits the offense of misuse of the emergency telephone service if such person within the city limits of the City of Seligman calls or contacts emergency dispatch services also known as "911" for any purpose other than an emergency.

**SECTION TWO:** For the purposes of this ordinance, "emergency" means any incident involving danger to life or property that calls for an emergency response dispatch of police, fire, EMS or other public safety organization.

**SECTION THREE:** For the purpose of this ordinance, "misuses the emergency telephone service" includes, but is not limited to, repeatedly calling the "911" for non-emergency situations causing operators, police, fire, EMS or other public safety organization, emergency personnel or equipment to be in use when emergency situations may need such operators or equipment.

**SECTION FOUR:** If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision, or the application thereof, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

**SECTION FIVE:** Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00.

**SECTION SIX:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

**SECTION SEVEN:** Said approval being effective the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Mayor

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following vote:

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Mayor of Seligman

ATTEST

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

BE IT REMEMBERED that the above Ordinance was adopted upon its second reading by the following votes:

ALDERMAN \_\_\_\_\_ VOTES \_\_\_\_\_

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