



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Ordinance amending Chapter 31 County Organizations of the Lake County Code of Ordinances - Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB).

- The ETSB Ordinance establishes the powers and duties of the ETSB for the Lake County 9-1-1 Service Area.
- Since the last amendment of the ETSB Ordinance in May of 1996 expanding the ETSB's membership, the landscape has changed such that it is necessary to amend the board structure and powers to ensure efficient and effective operations.
- Research and surveys were conducted by staff over several months including a review of ordinances from comparable jurisdictions and soliciting feedback from current ETSB members and member agencies.
- Based on the results of such research and surveys, five primary revisions to the ETSB Ordinance are recommended:
 1. reduce the number of board members from 17 to nine to include two representatives each from Public Safety Answering Points, Police organizations, Fire organizations, Lake County and one citizen-at-large;
 2. stagger terms of office for members - The term of any person appointed will be two years; however, initially, five members will be appointed for one-year terms. The five initial one-year appointments shall be the two Lake County Representatives, the Citizen-at-Large, one of the Police Representatives, and one of the Fire Representatives;
 3. define process for recommendation and consideration of nominations;
 4. clarifies that the ETSB budget submittal and procurement activities follow Purchasing Ordinance, Lake County Budget Policies, and personnel policies; and
 5. update participating communities based on current Lake County 9-1-1 Service Area.
- The amendments were unanimously recommended by the ETSB at their meeting on November 6, 2018.
- In conjunction with County Board approval of ETSB Ordinance amendments, recommended appointments and/or reappointments will be made at the November 13, 2018 County Board Meeting.

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the County of Lake enacted an Ordinance providing for the establishment of the Emergency Telephone System Board for the Lake County 9-1-1 Service Area on January 9, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the County Board Chair and Emergency Telephone System Board have assessed the current 9-1-1 Service Area and determined that a review and update to the ETSB Ordinance is necessary to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Lake County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB); and

WHEREAS, the State's Attorney has given a legal opinion that the Lake County Board may amend the establishing ordinance at any time; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator recommends that the Lake County Emergency Telephone System Board should be reduced from seventeen (17) to nine members (9); and

WHEREAS, the nine (9) member composition shall include the following: two (2) representatives each from Public Safety Answering Points, Police organizations, Fire organizations, Lake County and one (1) citizen-at-large; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator recommends that the members terms should be staggered so that all appointments do not expire at the same time and that the ordinance defines how recommendations are to be made; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator recommends that the ETSB should be required to submit an annual budget to the Lake County Board in accordance with the Budget Policies; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator recommends that the ETSB should be required to conduct all procurement activities in accordance with the Lake County Purchasing Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Law and Judicial and Financial and Administrative Committees determined it was in the interests of Lake County to make the aforementioned County Administrator recommendations which includes the reduction in ETSB membership from seventeen (17) to nine (9) as defined.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the Ordinance providing for the establishment of the Emergency Telephone System Board for the Lake County 9-1-1 Service Area be amended to reduce the membership of the board from seventeen (17) to nine (9) members, update participating communities based on current Lake County 9-1-1 Service Area, create staggered terms and define how and when recommendations will be received, and require budget and procurement activities in accordance with Lake County Budget Policies and Purchasing Policy.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois, on 13th day of November 2018.