

Notice of Hearing on Proposed Administrative Regulations

A public hearing will be conducted by the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) at 9 a.m. Monday August 31, 2015, in the Kansas Association of Counties Board Room, 300 SW 8th Ave, Third Floor, Topeka, KS 66603, to consider K.A.R. 132-1-1, a new regulation setting a fee of \$.60 for each subscriber account pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-5369.

This 60-day notice of the public hearing shall constitute a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written comments from the public on the proposed regulation. All interested parties may submit written public comments on the proposed regulation prior to the hearing to Melissa Wangemann, General Counsel, Kansas Association of Counties, 300 SW 8th Ave, Third Floor, Topeka, KS 66603, or through e-mail at wangemann@kansascounties.org. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views, either orally, in writing, or both, concerning the adoption of the proposed regulation.

In order to give all parties an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request that each participant limit oral presentation to five minutes. Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulation and economic impact statement in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Melissa Wangemann at (785) 272-2585. Disabled parking is located west of the KAC building. The west entrance to the KAC building is accessible.

This regulation is proposed for adoption on a permanent basis and copies of the proposed regulation and economic impact statement are available by contacting Melissa Wangemann at the address listed above or on the website, www.kansas911.org. A summary of the proposed regulation and the economic impact follows:

K.A.R. 132-1-1 sets the fee for each 911 subscriber account at \$.60. This fee will be paid by consumers of landline phones, wireless phones and voice-over-the-internet telephony (VoIP). The fee is distributed by the Kansas Association of Counties, serving in the statutory role of Local Collection Point Administrator, to the 911 PSAPs throughout the state of Kansas. The money is used by PSAPs to fund their 911 operations.

The anticipated economic impact of K.A.R. 132-1-1 is positive for Kansas Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) because it increases the amount of money they receive. The increased fee was determined by the 911 Coordinating Council to be necessary to finance Next Generation 911 projects. The fee is an increase to Kansas consumers—both individual and business—that operate phones in the state. The current 911 fee is \$.53 per line and K.A.R. 132-1-1 increases the fee to \$.60 per line.

There is no environmental impact with this regulation.