



**Tompkins County Legislature**

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Functional Category: Emergency Communications Rev. and Oversight Comm., Fees or Memberships, Local Law

Meeting: 07/20/17 03:30 PM

Department: Legislature Office

Category: Public Safety

**SCHEDULED**

**RESOLUTION NO.      DOC ID: 7152**

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1      **Adoption of Local Law No. \_\_\_\_ of 2017 – A Local Law Repealing and**  
2                    **Replacing Local Law No. 9 of 2002 and Imposing Wireless**  
3                    **Communications Surcharges**

4                    WHEREAS, Local Law No. 9 of 2002 established a surcharge in an amount not to exceed \$.30 per month on  
5 postpaid wireless communications devices in the County, the funds from which are used to maintain and improve  
6 emergency communications services in the County, and  
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8                    WHEREAS, the recently enacted 2017-18 New York State Budget authorizes the County to extend such  
9 surcharge to sales of prepaid wireless communications devices that today constitute a large percentage of the wireless  
10 communications market, and  
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12                    WHEREAS, current authority for the wireless surcharge under Article 6 of County Law has been repealed  
13 effective December 1, 2017, and the County must impose a new surcharge under authority of Tax Law Section 186-g  
14 if it desires to continue the postpaid surcharge without interruption and extend the surcharge to prepaid wireless  
15 devices, and  
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17                    WHEREAS, the funds from these surcharges will offset a portion of the County's costs to provide and  
18 maintain proper equipment, systems and services for the handling of wireless 9-1-1 and emergency calls, which  
19 constitute over 70 percent of the 911 Center's call volumes, now therefore be it  
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21                    RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Public Safety and the Budget, Capital and Personnel Committees,  
22 That Local Law No. \_\_\_\_ of 2017 - A Local Law Repealing and Replacing Local Law No. 9 of 2002 and Imposing  
23 Wireless Communications Surcharges is hereby adopted,  
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25                    RESOLVED, further, That the Clerk of the Legislature shall publish in the official newspaper of the County a  
26 notice of adoption containing a synopsis of said Local Law, and shall within five (5) days file certified copies of the  
27 enactment with the Secretary of State, the State Comptroller, the State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance, and in  
28 the Office of the County Clerk.

29 **SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20**