

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-25**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE ADDENDUM TO THE 911 UNIFICATION AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Signal Mountain generally supports the unification of the 911 Communications Center to service the needs of all citizens in this county; and

**WHEREAS**, the cities of Red Bank, Collegedale and the Town of Signal Mountain did not sign the original 911 Unification Agreement previously approved and signed by Chattanooga, Hamilton County and East Ridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost to the Town of Signal Mountain for 911 and dispatch services will increase from \$28,797.00 from budgeted amounts in 2006-2007 to \$99,004.96 based upon a unified funding formula applicable to Chattanooga, Hamilton County, East Ridge, Red Bank, Signal Mountain and Collegedale which shall be phased in over a four-year period between fiscal years 2008-2009 and 2011-2012, but subject to certain cost adjustments, credits and/or increases as determined by the 911 Board according to the funding formula contained in the Addendum to the 911 Unification Agreement which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Red Bank, Collegedale and the Town of Signal Mountain were not supportive of the original 911 Unification Agreement due to cost discrepancies between services provided to communities within Hamilton County as originally approved by the Cities of East Ridge, Chattanooga and Hamilton County and the Mayor and Town Attorney and other cities presented amendments to the 911 Unification Agreement for approval by the 911 Board and all other parties; and

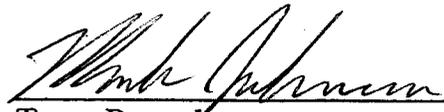
**WHEREAS**, the Signal Mountain Town Council is still concerned that the cost per 911 call for Signal Mountain residents is \$10.57 under this agreement when other cities and residents of the unincorporated county pay less than \$8.00 per 911 call, and the cost for 911 emergency services has increased for Town residents by approximately 300% from the costs originally planned in 2005 when the Town first contracted for emergency dispatch services with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, it has been determined that the acceptance of the Addendum to the 911 Communications Agreement is in the best interests of the Town of Signal Mountain at the present time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council looks forward to continuing discussions in the future towards more equitable funding of 911 services based on call volume utilization and for adequate representation of smaller municipalities on the 911 Board; and

**WHEREAS**, approval by the Town Council is needed to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the Addendum to the 911 Unification Agreement on behalf of the Town of Signal Mountain.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor is authorized to sign and execute the Addendum to the 911 Unification Agreement on behalf of the Town of Signal Mountain in the form which is attached as Exhibit 1.

  
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Mayor

  
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Town Recorder