

## ARTICLE 971

### Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System

- 971.01 Contribution Rate
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- 971.03 City of Bethlehem 9-1-1 Plan
- 971.99 Penalty

### CROSS REFERENCES

Act 78 of 1990 - Public Safety Emergency Telephone Act

#### 971.01 CONTRIBUTION RATE.

A contribution rate of \$1.25 per month shall be billed and collected by Bell of Pennsylvania and any other telephone company or companies which provide, or may hereafter provide, telephone service within the City of Bethlehem, for all telephone access lines within the City of Bethlehem. The revenues derived from this contribution shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the City of Bethlehem monthly for the sole purpose of payment for recurring and nonrecurring costs associated with the implementing, expanding, upgrading and operating of the Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System. This contribution rate shall commence on the date of the Department of Community Affairs approval of the 9-1-1 plan for the City of Bethlehem and shall remain in effect until the contribution rate is changed in accordance with applicable law. (Ord. 3987 - Passed 12/21/99.)

971.02 COIN OPERATED TELEPHONES.  
Public pay stations, semi-public pay stations and customer owned coin operated telephones (COCOT's) shall have access to 9-1-1 without coin insertion or other charge.

971.03 CITY OF BETHLEHEM 9-1-1 PLAN.

- (a) The City of Bethlehem elects to maintain its own current Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System and elects not to become a part of the Northampton County 9-1-1 Plan authorized by the Resolution of Northampton County Council adopted on October 19, 1995.
- (b) In accordance with the applicable Home Rule Charter provisions and State Law, the Mayor is authorized to take any appropriate actions to insure that the citizens of Bethlehem are not subjected to any assessment, tax, fee or levy in the nature thereof made by Northampton County for the cost or maintenance of Northampton County's 9-1-1 System.

(Ord. 3714 - Passed 12/5/95.)

971.99 PENALTY.

Any person who violates any provision of this Article shall be subject to the following penalties:

- (a) First Violation - A fine of \$200.00, or thirty days imprisonment, or both;
- (b) Second Violation - A fine of \$500.00, or sixty days imprisonment, or both;
- (c) Third and each subsequent violation - A fine of \$1,000.00, or ninety days imprisonment, or both.

(Ord. 3480 - Passed 5/5/92.)