ORDINANCE # 288

An ordinance to establish annual fees to pay for the Southern Oregon Regional Communications System (SORC) for the police and fire departments.

Whereas, the Town Council deems it necessary for it's police and fire departments to be a part of the SORC system every year for the safety of the employees and the safety of the citizens; and

Whereas, the cost to be a part of the SORC system has continually raised each year, making it harder for the Town to support.

NOW, THE TOWN OF BUTTE FALLS DOTH ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

1) The following fees are hereby established to fund the emergency communications system known as SORC for the police and fire departments;
   a) An annual fee, not to exceed $20.00 per year, due in July – August for the communications system for businesses and residents of the Town of Butte Falls.
   b) An annual fee, not to exceed $10 per year, due in July – August for the fire department communications system for the outside fire subscribers.
   c) Said fees will be dedicated for the emergency communications system.
2) Said fees will be reviewed every three- (3) years and not revised without the consent of the public.
3) Said fees will be identified as a separate line item in the General Fund.
4) Said fees will be collected annually in July and August.
5) Any undeveloped property will not be charged any fees. Undeveloped property is described as a vacant lot.
6) All fees will be paid to the City Recorder and no late charges will be assessed. However, interest will accrue after sixty (60) days.
7) Failure to pay said fee may lead to a lien on owner's property and it will be turned over to a collection agency.
8) If law enforcement is dispatched to an address outside the city limits of Butte Falls any fees charged to the caller will be placed in the General Fund as a separate line item as income and be used to offset the annual fee rate.
9) Three (3) public hearings have been held prior to the adoption of this ordinance. Hearing dates were July 17, 2007, August 21, 2007 and September 18, 2007.
10) Said fee will be placed on the ballot if a petition signed by a qualified number of registered voters is filed with the City Recorder's office in Butte Falls prior to July 1, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE the Town Council of Butte Falls, Oregon does hereby approve and adopt Ordinance #288 on this 18th day of September 2007. This ordinance will become effective on July 1, 2008.

Mayor Ron Ormond

~ Ron Ormond, Margaret Rydberg, Paul & Cher Rydberg and Jack and Judy Sizemore~

Thank you for your donation to our fire department. We appreciate your support.

Butte Falls Volunteer Fire Department

~ THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ~

The mayor and town council sends out a thank you to the following people for their contribution to the Recycle Center ~ Dan & Patti Shafer, Bill Moore and Lila McClanahan. Every donation helps this worthy cause.