

AN AMENDED AND RESTATED ORDINANCE FOR THE JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS
BY THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA AND ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VA

Be it Ordained by the Council of the City of Harrisonburg (City) and the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors (County) as follows:

1. This ordinance shall remain in full force and effect until repealed by the City or County in accordance with Paragraph 13 below.

2. The purpose of this ordinance is to continue the operation of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Communications Center (ECC) for public safety operations, and to provide for the purchase, operation and maintenance of a joint emergency dispatch, radio, and communication system, as well as any other systems necessary or convenient for the operation of the ECC.

3. The ECC Administrative Board shall agree upon the annual operation and maintenance budget, which shall be included as line-items in City and County annual budgets for approval. Financing for this joint undertaking shall be provided by appropriation from County and City. City and County will cooperate in the filing of grant applications, and with any bond financing necessary for the construction, renovation and equipping of the ECC, the purchase of infrastructure, emergency power, fixed, and non-fixed equipment, and any necessary operating or capital expenses.

4. All costs for acquisition, construction, renovation, and equipping of the ECC, currently located at the Harrisonburg Public Safety Building, North Main Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia and any future replacement facility, addition, or emergency back-up facility shall be apportioned equally between County and City. All necessary costs associated with ongoing operations shall be apportioned equally between County and City. The cost for non-fixed equipment shall be apportioned 100% to the locality in which the agency principally operates, except for the equipment purchased for Harrisonburg Rescue Squad (HRS). The cost of HRS equipment shall be apportioned based on the distribution of calls responded to in each locality for the year prior to the purchase of the equipment. Any change in the cost apportionment must be agreed to in writing by County and the City.

5. Upon repeal of this ordinance by either party, any property purchased and used jointly by the two localities shall be divided equally between County and City.

6. There shall be a joint board responsible for the operation and maintenance of the system called the Harrisonburg-Rockingham ECC Administrative Board comprised of:

- a. Rockingham County Administrator
- b. Harrisonburg City Manager

The Chair of the Administrative Board shall be determined by the members of the ECC Administrative Board.

7. The duties and responsibilities of the Administrative Board include:

- a. Establish policies for ECC.
- b. Employ and direct Director of ECC.

- c. Review and approve budget.
- d. Authorize positions, descriptions and salary ranges established for ECC.
- e. Enter into agreements with other governmental entities.

8. There shall be an advisory board to the Administrative Board called the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Communications Advisory Board (Advisory Board), comprised of:

- a. Harrisonburg City Police Chief
- b. Harrisonburg City Fire Chief
- c. Harrisonburg City/Rockingham County Sheriff
- d. Rockingham County Fire & Rescue Chief
- e. President of Harrisonburg/Rockingham Emergency Services Officers Association
- f. James Madison University Chief of Police.

The Chair of the Advisory Board will be rotated among the membership each year.

9. The duties and responsibilities of the Advisory Board include:
- a. Review and recommend to Administrative Board all policies.
 - b. Approve procedures to implement policies.
 - c. Review and recommend budget to Administrative Board.

10. The members of the Administrative Board and the Advisory Board serve by virtue of their office, whose terms shall be coincident with holding such office.

11. The City shall serve as fiscal agent for the joint undertaking, and any employees of the ECC shall be City employees for payroll purposes, and be subject to the policies of the City, including but not limited to personnel and IT policies.

12. Liability and property insurance shall be provided by the policies of the ECC, except that the property insurance covering the current ECC facility shall be provided by the policies of the City, and any increase in premiums caused by such coverage shall be included as an additional operational cost of the ECC and funded as other operation and maintenance costs. Property insurance for non-fixed equipment shall be insured by the purchasing locality.

13. This ordinance shall continue in full force and effect unless and until repealed by either City or County giving written notice to the other of such repeal at least five (5) years prior to the effective date of such repeal.

14. This Amended and Restated Ordinance supersedes and replaces an Ordinance for the Joint Exercise of Powers by the City of Harrisonburg, Virginia and Rockingham County, Virginia enacted by the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors on September 10, 2003, and the Harrisonburg City Council on September 9, 2003, which ordinance is hereby repealed.

Authorized this 14th day of December, 2022 on behalf of Rockingham County, Virginia.

Sallie Wolfe-Garrison
Chair

The undersigned Clerk of the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors on December 14, 2022.

Clerk, Rockingham County
Board of Supervisors

Authorized this 13th day of December, 2022 on behalf of the City of Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Deanna R. Reed
Mayor

The undersigned Clerk of the Council for the City of Harrisonburg hereby certifies the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Harrisonburg City Council on December 13, 2023.

Clerk, City of Harrisonburg
City Council