

**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC
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MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRINGTON**

BY-LAW NUMBER 255-2023

**BY-LAW AMENDING THE BY-LAW DECREERING THE IMPOSITION OF A
TAX TO FINANCE 9-1-1 EMERGENCY CENTERS**

CONSIDERING that the Civil Protection Act stipulates that every local municipality, except for a northern village, must ensure the services of a 9-1-1 emergency center to respond to emergency calls on its territory.

CONSIDERING that one of the sources of funding for municipalities is the municipal tax for 9-1-1.

CONSIDERING that a by-law decreeing the imposition of a tax to finance 9-1-1 emergency centers was to be adopted in 2009.

CONSIDERING that the bylaw was amended in 2016 to establish the amount of the municipal tax at \$0.46 per month per telephone number.

CONSIDERING the years that have passed since the last review and the normal evolution of expenses for 911 emergency call centers, it seems appropriate to update the amount of the municipal tax for 911.

CONSIDERING that to this end, on September 6, 2023, the government enacted the By-law amending the By-law governing the municipal tax for 9-1-1.

CONSIDERING that the adoption of the amendment by-law need not be preceded by a notice of motion.

THEREFORE, Council decrees as follows:

ARTICLE 1 :

The preamble to the present by-law forms an integral part hereof, as if it were reproduced at length herein.

ARTICLE 2 :

Article 2 of the by-law decreeing the imposition of a tax to finance 9-1-1 emergency centers is replaced by the following:

As of January 1, 2024, a tax is imposed on the supply of a telephone service, the amount of which is, for each telephone service, \$0.52 per month per telephone number or, in the case of a multiline service other than a Centrex service, per outgoing access line.

ARTICLE 3 :

The by-law decreeing the imposition of a tax to finance 9-1-1 emergency centers is amended by inserting the following after Article 2:

The amount of the tax is indexed, on January 1 of each year starting in 2025, according to the rate corresponding to the annual variation in the overall average consumer price index for Quebec, excluding alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, smokers' supplies and recreational cannabis, for the 12-month period ending June 30 of the year preceding that for which the amount of the tax is to be indexed.

This amount, thus indexed, is decreased to the nearest cent if it includes a fraction of a cent less than \$0.005; it is increased to the nearest cent if it includes a fraction of a cent equal to or greater than \$0.005.

The result of this indexation corresponds to the amount published by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy in Part 1 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, in accordance with article 2.1 of the By-law governing the municipal tax for 9-1-1 (chapter F-2.1, r. 14).

ARTICLE 4 :

This by-law comes into force on the date of publication of a notice to this effect by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

Certified copy

November 16th, 2023

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