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C. Kenneth Gray, Mayor

BILL No. 2017-048

An Order to approve the withdrawal of the City of Amesbury from the Intermunicipal Agreement for the Joint Provision of Public Safety Communications, Dispatch and Operations Services and the Essex County Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC) and, further, to authorize the Mayor to take all actions necessary to effectuate said withdrawal..

Summary: The City entered into an Intermunicipal Agreement in 2010 with the Sheriff's Department of Essex County, the City of Beverly and the Towns of Middleton, Wenham, Topsfield and Essex which established the RECC for the joint provision of public safety communications, dispatch and operation services. After extensive consultation with the City's public safety officials, the Mayor has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to pursue withdrawal from the Intermunicipal Agreement and the RECC, in accordance with the terms for withdrawal set forth in the Intermunicipal Agreement. Through adoption of this Order, the City Council grants its approval of the City's withdrawal and authorizes the Mayor to, on behalf of the City, take any and all actions necessary to effectuate said withdrawal.

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

That the City Council hereby approves the withdrawal of the City of Amesbury from the Intermunicipal Agreement for the Joint Provision of Public Safety Communications, Dispatch and Operation Services between the City of Amesbury and the Essex County Sheriff's Office, the City of Beverly, and the Towns of Middleton, Wenham, Topsfield and Essex, and from the Essex County Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC) and, further, that the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to take all actions necessary to effectuate said withdrawal.



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Sponsored By: Thatcher W. Kezer III, Mayor Bill No. 2010-048

At the meeting of the Amesbury Municipal Council held on June 8, 2010 in the Town Hall Auditorium the following action was taken:

An Ordinance to Authorize the Mayor to Enter into a Ten-Year Intergovernmental Contract for the Essex County Regional Emergency Communications Center.

Summary: Allow the Mayor to negotiate terms and enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Essex County Sheriff's Department and Essex County municipalities to create a regional emergency dispatch program. The program is planned to be operational in 2012.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Council of the Town of Amesbury assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Whereas the city has been actively pursuing opportunities to regionalize operations in order to improve services, lower costs, or both; and

Whereas Essex County municipalities, in collaboration with the Essex County Sheriff's Department have developed a Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC) plan that will serve the county's public safety communication needs effectively; and

Whereas the Essex County Sheriff's Department has taken the lead in organizing 8 other participating Essex County municipalities in the development of the RECC design and implementation plan; and

Whereas the Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC) will be modeled on successful regional dispatch centers in operation throughout the country; and

Whereas the state, in recognition and support of smart regionalization projects have guaranteed \$4,943,000 in funding for the capital and equipment start-up costs; and

Whereas Amesbury stands to save over 40% on its emergency communications costs while receiving equal or better emergency communication service through the RECC; and

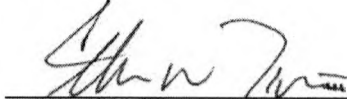
Whereas by being a founding member, Amesbury will have direct input on the design, policies, protocols and management of the RECC, as well as guarantee jobs for our existing Dispatchers at the RECC;

Now Therefore be it Ordained that the Mayor is authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with other municipalities in Essex County and the Essex County Sheriff's Department, for a period of up to ten years, for the purpose of providing a regional public safety communication operations center to expedite timely and efficient response by police, fire resources and emergency medical dispatch services of the participating governmental units.

Councilor Neale moved to approve 2010-048 as submitted with the condition that "Said agreement to be substantially in the format attached hereto; this authorization being conditioned on (1) the initial per capita rate being \$16.26 and (2) there being a collective base population of 128,500 as set forth in the proposed Memorandum of Understanding. Councilor Ferguson seconded. Roll Call Vote – 8-Yes (8 Members present)

Witness my hand and seal for the Town of Amesbury this 10th day of June, 2010


Town Clerk


Thatcher W. Kezer III, Mayor

6/10/10
Date