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Operations Committee: 2-19-96

RESOLUTION NO. 78-96

ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 2 FOR THE YEAR 1996  
AS AMENDED

By Mr. MacKinnon, Chairman, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, a public hearing on proposed Local Law No. 2 for the Year 1996 has been held,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Local Law No. 2 for the Year 1996, A Local Law Regulating the Use and Application of Alarm Systems which Communicate with the St. Lawrence County Emergency Communications Center, is hereby adopted.

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Mr. MacKinnon moved to adopt resolution number 78-96, seconded by Mr. Greenwood.

Mr. McFaddin moved to amend Local Law No. 2 for the year 1996 by deleting the last paragraph of the local law, seconded by Mr. FitzRandolph.

The above amendment was carried with nine (9) yes and six (6) no votes (Smith, Wilson, Nichols, MacKinnon, Lacy and Greenwood) by a roll call vote.

Resolution number 78-96 adopting Local Law No. 2 for the year 1996 was carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) no vote (Nichols).

COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE  
LOCAL LAW NO. 2

A LOCAL LAW REGULATING THE USE AND APPLICATION OF ALARM  
SYSTEMS WHICH COMMUNICATE WITH THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY  
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER.

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, as follows:

**INTRODUCTION:**

This local law is enacted to ensure that the emergency numbers of the County of St. Lawrence will not be jammed or seized by automatic dialing devices.

**SECTION 1: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this local law is twofold:

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A. To regulate the connection of alarm systems with the Emergency Communications Center to prevent the emergency 911 number from being used by automatic dialing devices, or other such similar devices.

B. To regulate administrative matters relating to the operations of the Emergency Communications Center to ensure the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the County.

## SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

A. The term alarm system means any assembly of equipment or device arranged to signal the presence of a hazard requiring urgent attention, and to which police, fire or emergency medically related service agencies are expected to respond. An alarm system shall include automatic dialing devices.

B. The term alarm user means any person on whose premises, located within the County of St. Lawrence, an alarm system is owned, operated or maintained by such person or his agents, employees or servants.

C. The term automatic dialing device means a device which is connected to a telephone line and is programmed to access a predetermined emergency agency number and transmit by voice message or coded signal to an emergency agency, an emergency message indicating a need for emergency response.

D. The term private answering point refers to a business which offers service receiving emergency signals from alarms and where emergency signals from alarm systems are monitored and thereafter relayed to an emergency agency.

E. The term County means the County of St. Lawrence, State of New York.

F. The term 911 Coordinator means the County of St. Lawrence Emergency Services Director, or his designated representative, hereinafter the "Director".

G. The term person means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

H. The term special trunk line means a designated telephone line(s) leading into the County's Emergency Communication Center, and having the primary purpose of handling emergency signals or messages from automatic dialing devices.

I. The term Emergency Communications Center means the central dispatching location provided by the County and the New York State Police.

## SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective May 1, 1996 no automatic dialing devices shall be programmed to access the 911 number at the Emergency Communications Center

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**SECTION 4: SPECIFIC GUIDELINES - AUTOMATIC DIALERS**

Dialers shall not be programmed to dial the number "911" at the Emergency Communications Center.

**SECTION 5: SPECIFIC GUIDELINES - PRIVATE ANSWERING POINTS**

Alarm notifications which terminate at a private answering station or point, and are then communicated to the Emergency Communications Center by an individual for appropriate dispatch response, shall be permitted on the 911 emergency telephone number or the seven digit police numbers. The calling party shall provide the Emergency Communications Center operator with the following information:

- A. Type of alarm activated (robbery, burglary, police trouble, fire, water flow, or emergency medical).
- B. Name of business or household.
- C. Street number and name.
- D. Apartment, room number or floor (if applicable).
- E. Building name.
- F. Nearest intersecting street.
- G. City, Town or Village.
- H. Provide any additional information as requested by the Emergency Communications Center operator including the name and telephone number of a person who can respond to reset or disarm the alarm system.

The calling party shall promptly terminate the call upon transmission of the above information.

**SECTION 6: PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE & FEE FOR RESPONSE**

Any person, business or firm programming an automatic dialing device to call the 911 emergency telephone number of the County of St. Lawrence shall be liable for a civil penalty of \$500.00.

The Director of Emergency Services may order the alarm user to immediately disconnect any device not conforming with the provisions of this law from the 911 emergency number. The failure by such alarm user to obey such order shall be a violation punishable by a fine of not less than \$500.00, and not more than \$1,000.00, or by a term of imprisonment not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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Additionally, the owner of such alarm system shall be liable for a civil penalty of \$500.00 for the failure to obey such order.

~~When a private answering point receives an automatic dialer call and referring that call to the 911 number results in a response by a police agency housed in the Emergency Communications Center, and that referral turns out to be a false alarm, a fee of \$25 will be billed directly to the owner of the facility where the dialer is located.~~

Operations Committee: 3-11-96

RESOLUTION NO. 79-96

CREATING DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AND  
MODIFYING 1996 BUDGET ACCORDINGLY

By Mr. MacKinnon, Chairman, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Board by Resolution No. 119-95 had directed that we look at consolidation of services, mergers, and any other measures that would promote downsizing and reduction of government costs, and

WHEREAS, certain functions being carried out by County employees are supportive in nature, that is, they are a function performed to sustain the government itself as opposed to providing a service for the citizens in general, and

WHEREAS, the Operations Committee has considered a proposal for the consolidation of the maintenance of all physical facilities and grounds, the operation of the Central Storeroom, the procurement of all supplies, materials and services, and the responsibility for the collection, storage, inventory, and destruction of all records management dead storage into one department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Governmental Services is hereby created for a trial period of one year, and the following budgetary modifications to the 1996 budget are hereby approved:

ABOLISH:

AI345.130	1 Ass't Purchasing Agent	\$25,767
AI630.120	1 Maintenance Supervisor	25,257
AI620.		

CREATE:

.120	1 Dir of Governmental Services	\$35,767
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Assistant Purchasing Agent Mike Cunningham is hereby given a leave of absence from his current position and appointed Director