



BOONE COUNTY KENTUCKY

911 Dwelling Fee FAQ

What is the 911 Dwelling Unit Fee?

This is an annual fee of \$75 charged to each occupied individual residential unit and each occupied individual commercial unit located upon each parcel of real property located within the Boone County.

What is the purpose of the 911 Dwelling Unit Fee?

The 911 Dwelling Unit fee will fund the operations of the 911 Emergency Dispatch Center. The Center answers 911 calls from the public, dispatches first responders and supports the law enforcement, fire fighters and medical services staff that keep Boone County safe.

How is a dwelling defined?

A dwelling is any occupied resident unit including a single family home, each residential unit in an apartment complex or multi-family home and each occupied commercial unit. The definition of a dwelling does not apply to hospital rooms, nursing home rooms (skilled care) or hotels/motels except where the living unit houses a long-term/permanent resident.

Are government, schools and non-profit buildings also considered dwellings for purposes of the fee?

Yes. A commercial unit is defined as a principal non-residential building space of any size occupied or designed for occupancy by an individual non-residential business or public or private enterprise. Government, schools and non-profit agencies each have access to the 911 services provided by the dispatch center and are included in the annual fee for this service.

What happens to the current landline fee?

The current 911 landline fee (\$2.78/month) assessed to each landline phone line will be repealed and eliminated once the 911 dwelling unit fee is passed.

How will the fee be collected?

The annual 911 service fee will be included as a separate charge on the annual property tax bill and will be able to be paid along with the property tax payment.

When will the 911 Dwelling Unit Fee appear on my tax bill?

The 911 dwelling unit fee would be effective July 1, 2018 and will be included with the 2018 tax bill which will be mailed in September of 2018

Will there be a collection fee? Will the fee be increased to account for collection?

There will be no collection fee charged to the fee payer.

I have rental units that are not occupied. If the unit continues to be unoccupied, will the unit still be assessed a fee?

Dwelling units unoccupied as of July 1 of each year will be eligible for an exemption for that year only. This assessment is a point in time review and only eligible to units vacant on July 1 of the year.

What if I believe I have been charged for an incorrect number of units?

For those who believe they have been charged for an incorrect number of units, an appeal may be filed. The process for the appeal will be available prior to the effective date of the ordinance.

Has growth from new units been factored into the fee?

Yes. Future growth was evaluated when developing the 911 emergency fee amount.

If the fee over performs or under performs, will it be re-evaluated?

The revenue generated from the 911 dwelling unit fee will be segregated into a separate fund so that the revenue and expenses are clearly identifiable. The Fiscal Court and the public will be able to review the performance of both each year during the budgeting process. If funding does not match the forecasts, the Court can adjust at its discretion. The staff has indicated that there should be no increase required during the initial ten year period.

Will the dwelling fee generate additional revenue for other projects that are not emergency communications related?

No. The funds collected from the 911 dwelling fee are restricted to the operation of the 911 dispatch center.