

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-4

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING A DATE OF AN ELECTION
TO FUND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 9-1-1
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE
A SERVICE CHARGE TO FINANCE THE 9-1-1
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE SYSTEM AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS it has been determined to be in the public interest to shorten the time and simplify the method required for a citizen to request and receive emergency aid, and

WHEREAS the establishment of a uniform emergency telephone number is a matter of concern for all citizens, so the emergency number 9-1-1 has been made available at the national level for implementation throughout the United States and Canada, and

WHEREAS the Arkansas Legislature has established a funding method for implementation of this emergency telephone system by passing Act 683 of 1985, and

WHEREAS this act requires the approval of a majority of persons voting on the issue in order to charge up to five percent (5) of the basic telephone tariff rate by the Arkansas Public Service Commission to be billed by the local telephone company to local users,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF
TURRELL, ARKANSAS:**

ARTICLE 1. An election will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 for the purpose of approving or rejecting an ordinance to implement 9-1-1 emergency telephone service within the city of Turrell.

ARTICLE 2. At the election to be held on that purpose, the voters will be asked to vote upon the following questions:

FOR a 9-1-1 emergency telephone system and Public Safety Communications Center within the City of Turrell to be funded by a charge of up to five percent (5%) of the basic telephone tariff rate approved by the Arkansas Public Service Commission
OR

AGAINST a 9-1-1 emergency telephone system and Public Safety Communications Center within the City of Turrell to be funded by a charge of up to five percent (5%) of the basic telephone tariff rate approved by the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

ARTICLE 3. SEVERABILITY . If any part of this ordinance

is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any other portion of this ordinance.

ARTICLE 4. REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE: It is hereby found that an immediate need exists for implementation of the 9-1-1 Emergency System to facilitate the more effective and efficient operation of the City of Turrell, and it is therefore declared that an emergency exists and this ordinance, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force and effective upon approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22 day of May, 2006.


FRANKLIN LOCKHART SR., MAYOR

ATTEST:


ANNIE DAVIS, RECORDER TREASURER