

OFFICIAL SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A NEW COUNTY DEPARTMENT, RAMSEY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS, WITH ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY-WIDE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM\800 MHZ AND THE CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER.

This ordinance authorizes the creation of a new County department, Ramsey County Department of Emergency Communications, with activities to include operation of the County-wide public safety communication system\800 MHz and the consolidated emergency communications center.

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-340

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- A. WHEREAS, On June 22, 2004, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorized the County Manager to proceed with the design and construction of the Ramsey County Public Safety Communication System\800 MHz ("System") as a subsystem to the regional public safety communication system; and
- B. WHEREAS, With the terms established by the County Board in Resolution 2005-365, all municipalities that previously contracted with Ramsey County for emergency dispatch services have executed agreements to continue receiving those services from Ramsey County; and
- C. WHEREAS, County Board Resolution 2005-371 approved a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Maplewood to consolidate emergency dispatch services, and Resolution 2005-382 approved a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Saint Paul to consolidate emergency dispatch services; and
- D. WHEREAS, On January 1, 2006, responsibility for Ramsey County 911 operations transferred from the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office to the County Manager's Office; and
- E. WHEREAS, In July 2006, the System was completed by Motorola and accepted by the County for productive use; and
- F. WHEREAS, With completion of the System and execution of the dispatch agreements, Ramsey County will have the responsibility for operating a county-wide Public Safety Communication System\800 MHz and a consolidated Emergency Communications Center; and

G. WHEREAS, The current responsibilities and size of Ramsey County's public safety communications operations have increased to a County department level, and the current designation as a division of the County Manager's Office is no longer appropriate;

H. WHEREAS, According to the Ramsey County Home Rule Charter, the establishment, structure, merger or abolishment of a department requires approval of an ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF RAMSEY DOES HEREBY

ORDAIN, That a new County Department, Ramsey County Department of Emergency Communications, is created with activities to include operation of the County-wide public safety communication system\800 MHz and the consolidated emergency communications center.