

**MISUSE OF "911" EMERGENCY  
TELEPHONE NUMBER SYSTEM**

**SECTION 1. declaration of Policy and Findings**

It is hereby recognized and is the finding of the Board of Commissioners that Mitchell County has organized and implemented a "911" emergency telephone system for the purpose of providing a single emergency telephone number for the citizens of the County to call in order to receive the quickest response from all emergency services with the County.

It is further recognized and is the finding of the Board of Commissioners that in order to promote the health, safety and welfare of all the citizens of Mitchell County, to maintain the peace and dignity of the County and to provide for the proper administration of the "911" emergency telephone number system within the County, it is necessary to enact that it be unlawful for any person to dial the "911" emergency telephone number and falsely report a non-existing emergency.

**SECTION 2. Short Title**

This article shall be known and may be cited as the Mitchell County "911" Emergency Telephone Number Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. Definitions**

- (A) Person shall be deemed to mean any individual, firm, partnership, corporation or unincorporated association.
- (B) 911 shall be deemed to mean the Countywide "911" Emergency Number System.
- (C) Emergency shall be deemed to mean any situation in which a human life or property is in jeopardy and the prompt summoning of aid is essential.

**SECTION 4. Prohibited Acts**

It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally and willfully dial the "911" emergency telephone number and falsely report a non-existing emergency.

**SECTION 5. Penalty**

Any person who violates the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50,00) or imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, in the discretion of the court, as provided by N.C.G.S. Section 14-4.

Bill Slagle  
Chairman, Mitchell County Board of Commissioners

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