

ORDINANCE NO. 853

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OROVILLE, WASHINGTON ADDING CHAPTER 9.26 TO TITLE 9 OF THE OROVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING ABUSE OF THE 911 EMERGENCY CALLING SYSTEM, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, abuse of the 911 emergency calling system is a violation of Washington State law; and

WHEREAS, it is also recognized by the City Council that the state of Washington does not regulate non-emergency calls on 911, and feels that such use should be regulated.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oroville, Washington, do ordain as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby added to Title 9 of the Oroville Municipal Code a new Chapter 9.26 to read as follows:

Chapter 9.26 ABUSE OF 911 SYSTEM

Sections:

9.26.010 False reporting – State statute adopted.

9.26.020 Harassment calling – State statute adopted.

9.26.030 Nonemergency use prohibited.

9.26.010 False reporting – State statute adopted.

It is declared that any false report received on the 911 emergency number that falls within the guidelines of RCW 9A.84.040 be prosecuted by the prosecuting attorney in the county as a gross misdemeanor. The city council fully concurs with RCW 9A.84.040, and incorporate this statute by reference as if fully set forth herein.

9.26.020 Harassment calling – State statute adopted.

It is declared that any person, who, with intent to harass, intimidate, torment or embarrass any other person shall make a telephone call to such other person on the 911 emergency number that falls within the guidelines of RCW 9.61.230, be prosecuted by the prosecuting attorney in the county as a misdemeanor. The county commissioners fully concur with RCW 9.61.230, and incorporate that statute by reference as if fully set forth herein.

9.26.030 Nonemergency use prohibited.

It is declared that telephonic use of the 911 emergency number that does not fall within the guidelines of OMC 9.26.010 and 9.26.020 and which does not entail the reporting of an emergency situation be a Civil Infraction subject to a fine of \$500.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage by the City Council, approval by the Mayor and publication as required by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OROVILLE this 6th day of September, 2016.

APPROVED:


Jon R. Neal, Mayor

ATTEST:


JoAnn Denney, City Clerk/Treasurer