

ORDINANCE No. 2015-6

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING E911 EMERGENCY
TELEPHONE LINE ABUSE PROHIBITED**

The Village Board of the Village of Bristol, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION I. ADOPTION OF PROVISIONS.

Section 11-2-21 of the Village of Bristol Code of Ordinances is created to read as follows:

Sec. 11-2-21 E911 Emergency Telephone Line Abuse Prohibited.

- (a) **Statement of Purpose.** False E911 telephone calls are a threat to public health, safety and welfare in the Village of Bristol. Each false E911 call requires a response by emergency response personnel, creates unnecessary expense for the Village, and harms the ability of emergency response personnel to respond to legitimate emergencies.
- (b) **Definitions.** For purposes of this Section, an "emergency" exists when a person reasonably believes that an immediate response by public safety personnel is essential due to the risk or actual occurrence of death or bodily harm; property damage; or any other situation which reasonably requires the immediate response of public safety personnel.
- (c) **Intentionally False E911 Calls Prohibited.**
 - (1) No person shall use the E911 emergency telephone number system for any purpose other than to report an emergency.
 - (2) No person shall use the E911 system to report an emergency knowing that the fact situation which he/she reports does not exist.
 - (3) No person shall call the E911 emergency telephone number system and hang up without reporting an emergency, if, in fact, no emergency exists.
 - (4) No parent, legal guardian or other adult having the care and custody of a person under eighteen (18) years of age shall permit or by insufficient control allow such person to violate the provisions of this Section.
 - (5) Any person violating this Section regarding intentional false E911 calls shall forfeit an amount as prescribed by Section 1-1-6.

(d) **Unintentional E911 Calls.**

- (1) Unintentional E911 calls made due to human error, equipment malfunctions, or equipment programming shall be the joint and several responsibility of the person making the unintentional E911 call and the owner, tenant, business occupant, occupant or person in control of a premises or telephone equipment, including wireless cellphones, from which such false E911 calls originate.
- (2) The person making the unintentional E911 call, or the owner, tenant, business occupant, occupant or person in control of a premises or telephone equipment, including wireless cellphones, from which such false E911 calls originate shall be issued a citation and be subject to a forfeiture as provided in Section 1-1-6. No citation shall be issued nor forfeiture assessed for the first two (2) false E911 calls in a calendary year (January 1 – December 31).

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Ordinance is invalid or unconstitutional or if the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions or applications.

SECTION III. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED.

All Ordinances in conflict with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV.EFFECTIVE DATE.

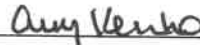
This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 12th day of October, 2015.

VILLAGE OF BRISTOL, WISCONSIN



Village President



Village Clerk

INTRODUCED: 10/12/15

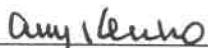
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State of Wisconsin:
County of Kenosha:

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance is a true, correct, and complete copy of an Ordinance duly and regularly enacted by the Bristol Village Board on the 12th day of October, 2015 and that said Ordinance has not been repealed or amended and is now in full force and effect.

Dated this 12th day of October, 2015



Village Clerk

