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Exhibit J

AGENDA ITEM STAFF ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: Resolution #07-R-02 A Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Republic, Missouri, Supporting the April 3, 2007 Ballot Proposal for a 9-1-1 Sales Tax to Fund the City-County Emergency Communications Dispatch.

Submitted by: Christopher J. Coulter, Assistant City Administrator

Date: March 12, 2007

Issue Statement

Voters in Republic, Greene County, and all other municipalities within the county will be voting on a 1/8 cent sales tax to replace a 10% 9-1-1 surcharge currently charged on all land line telephone customers in the county.

Discussion and/or Analysis

The number of land lines have been in steady decline over the last several years in the county and the revenue attached to those landlines has also decreased. With new technology and the number of increased cellular phone calls into the 9-1-1 call centers, trying to keep staffing and funding levels adequate have been very difficult and is no longer keeping up with the cost of operating the 9-1-1 center. The proposed 1/8 cents sales tax for the entire county would replace the existing 10% land line surcharge currently being applied to all land line phone bills. If approved by voters, the 1/8 cent sales tax would generate about \$6,000,000 a year - approximately \$2,300,000 more than the centers operates on now. That money would allow the E-911 centers to hire additional staff. The first staffing increase since 1994, it would also fund new equipment for the centers.

Recommended Action

Discussion and vote on resolution item.