



The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

Resolution R11-2005

A RESOLUTION by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton to join Governor Robert Ehrlich's initiative to enable all public-owned wireless (cell) telephones to receive AMBER alerts via text messaging.

WHEREAS, an **AMBER** alert, which stands for “*America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response*”, is a federally and State authorized emergency broadcast program intended to quickly disseminate information about abducted children to both law enforcement agencies and the public; and

WHEREAS, AMBER alerts are broadcast by the Maryland State Police in conjunction with the Maryland Center for Missing Children pursuant to child abduction investigations conducted by various Maryland law enforcement agencies, and the descriptive information provided in these broadcasts is intended to both '*alert*' law enforcement and the public to aid in the successful recovery of abducted children and the apprehension of offenders; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's Governor Robert Ehrlich has directed that all State-owned wireless (cell) telephones be enabled to receive AMBER alerts via text messaging in order to enlist a broad range of public employee participation and awareness of these broadcasts, and has requested that all other Maryland governments join his administration's initiative in this regard; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commissioners hereby join Governor Ehrlich and the State of Maryland's efforts to enhance the effectiveness of AMBER alerts by authorizing and directing that all Town-owned wireless (cell) telephones utilized by Elkton's employees be enabled to receive AMBER alerts via text messaging.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton hereby resolve and direct the following:

1. That all Town-owned wireless (cell) telephones equipped with text messaging technology shall be enabled to receive AMBER alerts via text messaging; and
2. That upon receipt of an AMBER alert, employee(s) are asked to become especially vigilant and assist law enforcement by reporting any observations regarding vehicles, persons or other information relating to such a broadcast; and
3. That the Town Administrator shall be responsible for the implementation and maintenance of this directive.

READ AND PASSED THIS 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2005

The Mayor and Commissioners
of the Town of Elkton

Mayor Joseph L. Fisona
Commissioner Charles H. Givens, Sr.
Commissioner C. Gary Storke