BILL NO. 008-003

**ORDINANCE NO. 123** 

## AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF CENTERTOWN, MISSOURI, AND SPRINT NEXTEL CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Village of Centertown, Missouri (the "Plaintiff") is either a named plaintiff or a putative class member in a lawsuit to recover Business License Taxes (as defined in the settlement agreement described below), which lawsuit is styled City of University City, Missouri, et al. v. Sprint Nextel Corporation, f/k/a Sprint Corporation, et al., No. 01-CC-004454, and is pending in the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri (the "Lawsuit"); and

WHEREAS, The Plaintiff and Sprint Nextel Corporation (as defined in the settlement agreement) wish to avoid the expense and uncertainty of continued litigation and desire to settle their dispute(s) without further litigation; and

WHEREAS, the settlement agreement settling the Lawsuit was signed by the named plaintiffs (as class representatives) and Sprint Nextel Corporation, and was filed with and preliminarily approved by the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri on October 30, 2007 (the "Settlement Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff and Sprint Nextel Corporation have conducted an investigation and evaluation of the facts and the law relating to the claims in the Lawsuit and believe that the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interest of all parties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Plaintiff has received a Notice of Class Action Settlement and Approval Hearing, incorporated herein by reference, and a Sprint Nextel Corporation Municipal Tax Settlement Claim Form, incorporated herein by reference, which identify the Total Past Tax Consideration (as defined in the Settlement Agreement) that will be paid and released to the Plaintiff pursuant to the Settlement Agreement after the Settlement Agreement becomes Final (as defined in the Settlement Agreement); and

**WHEREAS,** the Plaintiff desires to approve and accept the Settlement Agreement and the Total Past Tax Consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CENTERTOWN, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. The Village of Centertown, Missouri hereby approves, accepts, and adopts all terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement as a binding and enforceable agreement

between the Village of Centertown, Missouri and Sprint Nextel Corporation, as if the Village of Centertown, Missouri was an original signatory thereto.

Section Two. The Village of Centertown, Missouri further approves the Total Past Tax Consideration of \$3427.03 as shown on the Sprint Nextel Corporation Municipal Tax Settlement Claim Form, along with the other relief provided in the Settlement Agreement, as adequate consideration for the release of claims by the Village of Centertown, Missouri, against Sprint Nextel Corporation as provided for in the Settlement Agreement.

<u>Section Three.</u> The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Centertown, Missouri, on behalf of the Plaintiff, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Sprint Nextel Corporation Municipal Tax Settlement Claim Form and any other documents necessary under the Settlement Agreement.

<u>Section Four.</u> The Village of Centertown, Missouri reserves the right to conclude settlement agreements with other wireless communications service providers in the Lawsuit depending upon the circumstances of each case.

Section Five. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon approval and passage.

FIRST READING HELD THIS 28th DAY OF January, 2008

SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE THIS <u>28<sup>th</sup></u> DAY OF <u>January</u>, 2008 BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Scott Call	aye	
Mr. Kenneth Farris	aye	
Mr. Douglas Heineman	aye	
Mr. Curt Holzer	aye	
Mr. William McClure	absent	

Douglas Reineman, Chairman Centertown Board of Trustees

Attest:

Village of Pentertown Clerk