

Sprint and OPC to evaluate interest for MCA in Lexington

Sprint is working with the Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce, the Missouri Office of Public Council (OPC) and Lexington's mayor, Tom Hayes, to determine if the Lexington community has an interest in participating in a calling plan that would offer discounts on calls made to the Greater Kansas City area in exchange for a flat monthly fee.

Residents and businesses in Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) communities have the option of paying an additional monthly fee that allows toll-free calling within the greater metropolitan Kansas City area. The fee for Lexington would be \$35 a month for residents and \$76.35 for businesses. This fee is in addition to the monthly basic telephone service rate of \$13.31 a month for residents and \$19.50 a

month for businesses, and is subject to change.

Customers who sign-up for the MCA plan would be required to change their phone numbers. While the area code would remain 660, the remaining seven digits would change. Customers who join then quit the plan may not have the option to return to their pre-plan telephone numbers.

The MCA plan for Lexington would include the following exchanges toll-free: Buckner; Farley; Ferrelview; Grain Valley; Greenwood; Kearney; Lake Lotawana; Leavenworth, MO; Missouri City; Platte City; and Smithville, as well as Camden Point; Cleveland; Edgerton; Excelsior Springs; Harrisonville; Holt; Lone Jack; Oak Grove; Orrick; Peculiar; Pleasant Hill; Trimble;

West, Cleveland, and Weston. In addition, Lexington subscribers of the MCA calling plan would be able to place toll-free calls to MCA subscribers in the following exchanges: Archie; Dearborn; Drexel; East Lynne; Freeman; Garden City; Henrietta; Holden; Kingsville; Lathrop; Lawson; Odessa; Plattsburg; Richmond; Strasburg; Wellington; and West Drexel. More information on the MCA calling plan and the current map of the calling area can be found on pages 12 and 13 of the 2004 Odessa/Lexington Regional Sprint Directory.

To voice your opinion on MCA service in Lexington, please call city hall at 660-259-4633 between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30 Monday through Friday.