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**A G E N D A   I T E M   S U M M A R Y****Reference No:** CR-83-1990**Draft No:** 1**P r i n c e   G e o r g e ' s****Meeting Date:** 10/30/90**C o u n t y   C o u n c i l****Requestor:** CO. EXEC.

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**Item Title:** The 911 Fee - To levy an additional charge  
for switched local exchange access service  
within the County as of 1/1/91

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**Sponsors** B

**Date Presented**     \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_     **Executive Action**     \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_     \_\_\_  
**Committee Referral** (1) 9/25/90     C.O.W. **Effective Date**     \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
**Committee Action**     (1) 10/2/90     FAV  
**Date Introduced**     9/25/90  
**Pub. Hearing Date**     (1) 10/23/90 10:30 AM

**Council Action**     (1) 10/30/90     Adopted  
**Council Votes**     B\_: A\_, CA: A\_, C\_: A\_, CI: --, MC: A\_, M\_: N\_,  
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**Pass/Fail**     P

**Remarks** \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Drafter:</b> Office of Law	<b>Personnel:</b>	Judy Kerns, OMB

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**Committee of the Whole Report

Date: 10/2/90

Committee Vote: Favorable, 6-1 (In Favor: Council Members Bell, Casula, Castaldi, MacKinnon, Pemberton and Wilson; opposed: Mills)

During the 1990 General Assembly, State legislators revised funding arrangements for the 911 system. Previously, ten cents of the fee which was earmarked for the State was returned to the local governments. Effective January 1, 1991 the State will no longer return the ten cents to supplement the County's expenses to operate the emergency system. The approximate annual loss to the County will be \$360,000. Therefore, the County, by increasing the fee to fifty cents (.50 ¢) which is the maximum fee allowed by the State, will fully cover the cost of operating the 911 system in FY92, the first full year in which the County will not receive any portion of the ten cent fee.

The County must certify the increase in charge to the Public Service

Commission (PSC) within 60 days. The PSC shall direct the telephone company to add the full amount of the additional charge to all current bills. A public hearing is required to be held on this resolution to increase the 911 fee.

The Office of Law has reviewed this legislation and find it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

The fiscal impact on the County, as a result of adopting and implementing this legislation will be positive in the amounts of approximately \$126,000 and \$314,000 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1991 and June 30, 1992 respectively.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

**(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

A proposal to increase the County's additional 911 fee from \$.30 per month to \$.50 per month, the maximum allowed by State law. This new maximum rate is effective January 1, 1991, pursuant to Chapter 510 of the Laws of Maryland 1990 (Senate Bill 822).