

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2022 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-091-2022  
Proposed by The Chair (by request - County Executive)  
Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Harrison, and Medlock  
Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Introduction September 6, 2022

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The 911 Charge

3 For the purpose of approving an increase in the additional charge for switched local exchange  
4 access service, commercial mobile radio service, and other 911 accessible service within the  
5 County.

6 WHEREAS, Public Safety Article, Section 1-301, et seq., of the Annotated Code of  
7 Maryland, provides for the existence and funding of a 911 System to provide timely and  
8 appropriate assistance when the lives or property of the citizens of Maryland are in imminent  
9 danger; and

10 WHEREAS, there is currently an additional charge of seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per month  
11 to be applied to all current bills rendered for switched local exchange access service, commercial  
12 mobile radio service, or other 911 accessible service within the County; and

13 WHEREAS, the County 911 fee has not been raised since 2003 and thus has not provided  
14 the revenue necessary to fully pay for County 911 services; and

15 WHEREAS, amendments to the Public Safety Article, Section 1-311 of the Annotated  
16 Code of Maryland, effective July 1, 2019 authorize the County to increase the 911 additional  
17 charge to a level necessary to cover a County's operational costs not exceeding one dollar and  
18 fifty-cents (\$1.50) to all current bills rendered for switched local exchange access service,  
19 commercial mobile radio service, or other 911 accessible service within the County; and

20 WHEREAS, the most recently completed audit of actual 911 expenditures in the County  
21 exceeded the amount of revenue from the current additional charge of seventy-five cents (\$0.75)  
22 by the rate equivalent of sixty-five cents (\$0.65), it is necessary for the County to increase the

1 additional charge to one dollar and forty-cents (\$1.40) to all current bills for switched local  
2 exchange access service, commercial mobile radio service, or other 911 accessible service within  
3 the County in order to fully cover the County's 911 operating expense; and

4 WHEREAS, proceeds from the 911 additional charge may only be used to fund the  
5 installation, enhancement, maintenance and operation of the County's 911 system; and

6 WHEREAS, the Public Safety Article, Section 1-311(e) of the Annotated Code of  
7 Maryland provides that the Public Service Commission shall direct each telephone company that  
8 provides service in a County that imposes an additional charge to add, within 60 days, the full  
9 amount of the additional charge to all current bills rendered for switched local exchange access  
10 service, commercial mobile radio service, or other 911 accessible service within the County; and

11 WHEREAS, within 60 days after a County enacts or adopts an ordinance or resolution that  
12 imposes, repeals, or modifies an additional charge, each 911 service carrier that provides service  
13 in the County shall add the full amount of the additional charge to all current bills rendered for  
14 switched local exchange access service, commercial mobile radio service, or other 911 accessible  
15 service within the County; and

16 WHEREAS, the County Council conducted a public hearing on October 24, 2022, pursuant  
17 to Section 1-311, prior to increasing the 911 additional charge from the charge previously  
18 adopted.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
20 County, Maryland, that the 911 additional charge of one dollar and forty-cents (\$1.40) per month  
21 per bill for switched local exchange access service, commercial mobile radio service and other  
22 911 accessible service in the County, be and the same is hereby approved, retroactively effective  
23 to September 1, 2022.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council shall forward a copy of this  
25 Resolution, upon adoption to the Maryland Public Service Commission.

Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Calvin S. Hawkins, II  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council