

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2022 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-091-2022

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Committee: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee

Date: 09/22/2022

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Burroughs, Franklin, Ivey, Streeter and Turner)

The Prince George's County Council's Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee convened on September 22, 2022 to consider CR 91-2022. CR-91-2022 is a Resolution to increase the 911 fee from its current level of (\$0.75) cents per line to the level of (\$1.40) per line. This fee has not been increased since 2003. State law was amended in 2019 to allow a County to increase its 911 fee to recover its cost of providing this service but not to exceed \$1.50 per line.

The most recently completed audit of revenues and expenses for County 911 service indicated that the County was spending \$8.4 million above the level of revenue from the 911 revenue raised by the current fee level. For the County to recover the cost of providing the service, the 911 fee would need to be raised by (\$0.65) cents per line. State law requires the County to hold a public hearing on the proposed increase. Once the resolution is adopted, the County would need to provide notice to the Public Service Commission. The Commission requires sixty (60) days to notify all telephone service providers of the increase.

The Office of Law reports that CR-91-2022 is in proper legislative form with no impediments to its adoption.

The Policy Group reports that CR-91-2022 is not likely to have a direct fiscal impact.

After discussion, The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee reported CR-91-2022 out favorably 5-0.