Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 10/24/2022
Effective Date: 9/1/2022
Reference No.: CR-091-2022
Chapter Number:
Draft No.: 1
Public Hearing Date: 10/24/2022
Proposer(s): County Executive
Sponsor(s): Hawkins, Harrison and Medlock
Item Title: A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 911 CHARGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING AN INCREASE IN THE ADDITIONAL CHARGE for switched local exchange access service, commercial mobile radio service, and other 911 accessible service within the County.

Drafter: David B. Juppe, Office of Management and Budget
Resource Personnel: Stanley A. Earley, Office of Management and Budget

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
09/06/2022	County Council	introduced and referred	GOFP

Action Text:
This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Harrison, and Medlock and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

09/22/2022	GOFP	Favorably recommended	County Council

Action Text:
A motion was made by Council Member Turner, seconded by Council Member Ivey, that this Resolution be Favorably recommended to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 Burroughs, Franklin, Ivey, Streeter and Turner

10/24/2022	County Council	public hearing held	

Action Text:
This Resolution public hearing was held.

10/24/2022	County Council	adopted	

Action Text:
A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Ivey, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 Medlock, Hawkins, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Burroughs

Absent: 1 Turner

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

Public Safety Article Section 1-311 of the Annotated Code of Maryland was amended by Chapters and 302 of the 2019 legislative session to permit a County to increase its 911 fee from the current of $0.75 cents per line to recover the actual County cost of providing that service; provided hov that the fee increase may not exceed $1.50 per line.

The County completed the FY 2020 audit of 911 fee revenue and the cost of providing service, and that County expenses exceeded 911 fee revenue by $8.4 million. To recover the cost of service require that the fee be raised by $0.65 cents per line, to a revised total of $1.40 per line. To do so, law requires the County to hold a public hearing on the proposed fee increase, and upon adoption Resolution to notify the Public Service Commission. The Public Service Commission requires 6 to notify telephone service providers before the fee goes into effect.

Chapter 349 of the 2022 legislative session removes the $1.50 cap on the 911 fee level, ef October 1, 2022. This law change will allow the County to recover future 911 costs if they exce rate equivalent of $1.50 per line.

Document(s): R2022091, CR-091-2022 AIS, CR-091-2022 Report, CR-091-2022 PAFI, CR-091-2022 Transmittal