

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2024 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-013-2024

Proposed by The Chair (by request - County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Ivey, Harrison, Watson and Fisher

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction February 27, 2024

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The 911 Charge

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

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

9 WHEREAS, there is currently an additional charge of one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40) per
10 month applied to all current bills rendered for switched local exchange access service, commercial
11 mobile radio service, or other 911 accessible service within the County; and

12 WHEREAS, the County 911 fee was last raised, effective in FY 2024, to fully recover costs
13 from the fee; and

14 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the County to raise the fee annually to maintain the revenue
15 necessary to fully pay for County 911 services; and

16 WHEREAS, amendments to Section 1-311 of the Public Safety Article, Section of the
17 Annotated Code of Maryland, effective October 1, 2022 authorize the County to increase the 911
18 additional charge to a level necessary to cover a County's projected operational costs for the fiscal
19 year, to be applied to all current bills rendered for switched local exchange access service,
20 commercial mobile radio service, or other 911 accessible service within the County; and

21 WHEREAS, the most recently completed audit of actual 911 expenditures in the County
22 exceeded the amount of revenue from the current additional charge of one dollar and forty-cents

1 (\$1.40) by the rate equivalent of one cent (\$0.01), it is necessary for the County to increase the
2 additional charge to one dollar and forty-one cents (\$1.41) for all current bills for switched local
3 exchange access service, commercial mobile radio service, or other 911 accessible service within
4 the County in order to fully cover the County's 911 operating expense; and

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

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

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

17 WHEREAS, the County Council conducted a public hearing on April 23, 2024, pursuant to
18 Section 1-311, prior to increasing the 911 additional charge from the charge previously adopted.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
20 Maryland, that the 911 additional charge of one dollar and forty-one cents (\$1.41) per month per
21 bill for switched local exchange access service, commercial mobile radio service and other 911
22 accessible service in the County, be and the same is hereby approved, effective April 1, 2024.

Adopted this 23rd day of April, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jolene Ivey
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council