

Resolution No.:	<u>20-805</u>
Introduced:	<u>March 25, 2025</u>
Adopted:	<u>May 14, 2025</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: County 9-1-1 Fee

Background

1. Under current State law, the State collects a \$0.50 monthly fee from each telephone subscriber in the State to help State agencies and county governments pay for expanding and enhancing their existing 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Systems.
2. Maryland Code Section 1-311 of the Public Safety Article authorizes Maryland counties to impose by resolution an additional county 9-1-1 fee to fund the county's costs to operate and maintain its 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System. For a fiscal year, the county 9-1-1 fee may exceed \$0.75 per month to an amount sufficient to cover the county's projected operational costs for the 9-1-1 system if revenues attributable to the county 9-1-1 fee for the previous fiscal year did not provide the revenues necessary to cover the county's operational costs for the 9-1-1 system for that fiscal year.
3. On July 29, 2003, the County Council adopted Resolution 15-282, setting the additional County fee at \$0.75 per month for all current bills rendered for switched local exchange access service or Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) or other 9-1-1-accessible service in the County.
4. The revenues attributable to the County 9-1-1 fee of \$0.75 per month were insufficient to cover the County's operational costs for the 9-1-1 system for Fiscal Year 2025 and are projected to be insufficient to cover the County's operational costs for the 9-1-1 system for Fiscal Year 2026.
5. Notice of public hearing was given, and public hearing was held.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following resolution:

1. For Fiscal Year 2026, but no sooner than sixty days following the County's certification of the amount of the 9-1-1 fee to the Comptroller, a County charge of \$1.47 per month is applied to all current bills rendered for switched local exchange access service or Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) or other 9-1-1-accessible service in the County. This charge remains in effect until the next fiscal year's fee becomes effective.
2. The telephone companies and other providers of 9-1-1-accessible services must collect and remit the additional charges according to State law.
3. The Director of Finance must promptly certify the amount of the County charge, as modified by this Resolution, to the Maryland Public Service Commission, the Maryland 9-1-1 Board, and the Comptroller of the State to meet the requirements of State law.
4. This Resolution takes effect on July 1, 2025, and supersedes Resolution 15-282, except that the \$1.47 charge does not take effect until sixty days following the County's certification to the Comptroller of the modified fee.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council