

Resolution No.: 20-1116
Introduced: March 24, 2026
Adopted: May 13, 2026

**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. Section 1-311 of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Code authorizes Maryland counties by resolution to impose an additional county 9-1-1 fee to fund the county's costs to operate and maintain its 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System.
3. On May 14, 2025, the County Council adopted Resolution 20-805, setting the additional County fee at \$1.47 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 \$1.47 per month are no longer sufficient to cover the County's operational costs for the 9-1-1 system.
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. A County charge of \$1.93 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.

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 Clerk shall consult with the Director of Finance who shall 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, 2026, and supersedes Resolution 20-805, except that the \$1.93 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