

COUNTY COUNCIL

OF

TALBOT COUNTY

2023 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No.: April 11, 2023

Resolution No.: 341

Introduced by: Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Ms. Mielke, Mr. Stepp

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 911 FEE FOR TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND BY INCREASING THE FEE FROM \$0.75 PER MONTH TO \$1.50 PER MONTH

By the Council: April 11, 2023

Introduced, read the first time, and ordered posted, with Public Hearing scheduled on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By order: 
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 911 FEE FOR TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND BY INCREASING THE FEE FROM \$0.75 PER MONTH TO \$1.50 PER MONTH

WHEREAS, on June 11, 1985, the County Council of Talbot County, Maryland (the "County Council") adopted a resolution establishing a local 911 fee of thirty cents (\$0.30) per month to be applied to all bills rendered for switched local exchange access service within Talbot County, Maryland (the "County") to finance the operation and maintenance of the County's 911 system; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 1990, the County Council adopted a resolution establishing an additional charge of twenty cents (\$0.20) per month to pay for the operation and maintenance of the County's 911 system, for a total charge of fifty cents (\$0.50) to be applied to all bills rendered for switched local exchange access service within the County; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 1995, the County Council adopted a resolution establishing a charge of fifty cents (\$0.50) per month to be applied to all current bills for switched local exchange access service, wireless telephone service or other 911 accessible service within the County after January 1, 1996 to finance the operation and maintenance of the County's 911 system; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Maryland enacted Chapter 451, effective October 1, 2003, amending Md. Code Ann., Public Safety § 1-311 (1997 Repl. Vol.) to authorize the counties of Maryland to increase the local 911 fee to seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per month to cover eligible operation and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 114, adopted and effective May 11, 2004, the County Council increased the local 911 fee to seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per month to cover the total amount of eligible operation and maintenance of the County's 911 system; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Public Safety § 1-311(c)(2), if revenues attributable to a county's 911 fee for a fiscal year do not provide the revenues necessary to cover the county's operational costs for that fiscal year, the county may, for the following fiscal year, impose a county 911 fee sufficient to cover the county's projected operational costs for the 911 system for the fiscal year for each switched local exchange access service, commercial mobile radio service ("CMRS"), or other 911 accessible service provided; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has determined that the local 911 fee should be increased to one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50), such increase being sufficient to assist in covering the eligible operation and maintenance of the County's 911 emergency telephone system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Talbot County, Maryland that the local 911 fee applied to all current bills rendered for switched access service, commercial mobile radio service (CMRS), or other 911 accessible service within the County is hereby increased from seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per month to one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above recitals are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said 911 fee shall continue in effect until repealed or modified by resolution of the County Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Public Service Commission, the Maryland 911 Board, and, no later than 60 days before the implementation of the fee change, the Comptroller of Maryland certifying said additional local 911 fee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its date of adoption.

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice, Time and Place of Hearing, and Title of Resolution No. 341 having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland.

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the second time:

Adopted: April 25, 2023

By Order: 
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

Callahan	-	Aye
Stepp	-	Aye
Leshner	-	Aye
Mielke	-	Aye
Haythe	-	Aye

Effective: April 25, 2023