

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bill 2024-04: REVISED 9-1-1 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

The Charles County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in a hybrid format, both virtually and in person at the Charles County Government Building, 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, Maryland, to consider the proposed amendment to §236-2 of the Charles County Code. This amendment shall increase the range of fees imposed by the County to cover increased costs associated with providing emergency services via telephone.

Individuals or representatives of groups wishing to make oral or written comments are encouraged to attend the hearing.

In-person: Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes (1/2 hour) prior to the hearing at the Charles County Government Building (200 Baltimore Street, La Plata) and will end at the commencement of the hearing.

Virtually: Call (240) 776-6709, between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 to register to speak. Once registered, citizens will receive a virtual link to testify between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. after in-person speakers testify. If you are not available to speak when your name is called, we have the right to move on to the next caller. Each speaker will be allotted three (3) minutes.

Written or voicemail comments may be submitted in lieu of oral testimony, or to expand upon oral testimony, and will be accepted Friday, March 1st, 2024 starting at 8 a.m. through Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, 5 p.m. for:

E-Comment: <https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/public-comments/public-hearing-comments/9-1-1-fee-increase>

Phone message: call 301-645-0652

Mail: Commissioners of Charles County, 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, Maryland 20646.
Comments sent by mail must be received no later than Tuesday, March 19th, 2024.

Those citizens with special needs may contact Maryland Relay Service TDD 1-800-735-2258.

For more information, please contact the Department of Emergency Services at 301-609-3429 or by email at DES@CharlesCountyMD.Gov.

BY ORDER OF THE CHARLES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Reuben B. Collins, II., Esq., President

In the event the notified meeting is canceled due to inclement weather or acts of nature beyond the control of the County, all items scheduled to be discussed or heard at the meeting will be rescheduled to a later date at 6:00pm in the County Commissioners Meeting Room.

Charles County Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Please publish two (2) times on Friday, March 1st, 2024 and on Friday, March 8th, 2024.

1 **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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4 **2024 Legislative Session**

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6 Bill No. 2024-
7 Chapter. No. 236
8 Introduced by Charles County Commissioners
9 Date of Introduction _____

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11 **BILL**

12 AN ACT concerning

13 **REVISED 9-1-1 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS**

14 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE LOCAL LAW CONCERNING THE
15 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF 9-1-1 TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY WITH THE
16 AMENDED STATE ENABLING LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWS FOR AN INCREASE IN
17 THE 9-1-1 FEE TO COVER PROJECTED OPERATIONAL COSTS FOR THE FOLLOWING
18 FISCAL YEAR.

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20 BY amending:

21 Chapter 236-2 – Switched local exchange access service
22 *Code of Charles County, Maryland*
23 *(2023 Edition)*

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25 **SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES**
26 **COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Charles County, Maryland read as follows:**

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28 Chapter 236

29 **FEES**

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31 **236-2. SWITCHED LOCAL EXCHANGE ACCESS SERVICE**

32 There is hereby imposed an additional charge of **\$0.75** [~~\$0.25~~] per month not to exceed **\$2.25**

1 ~~[\$0.75]~~ to be applied to all current bills for **9-1-1** ~~[911]~~ telephone service within Charles County,
2 Maryland, under the authority of **PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE §1-311** ~~[Article 41, § 18-105e]~~
3 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

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5 **SECTION 2. *AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT SHALL TAKE***
6 **EFFECT SIXTY-FIVE (65) DAYS FROM THE DATE IT BECOMES LAW.**

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8 ADOPTED this _____ day of 20____.

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10 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
11 CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND
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15 Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President
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19 Ralph E. Patterson, Vice President
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27 Thomasina O. Coates. M.S.
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31 Amanda M. Stewart, M. Ed.

32 ATTEST:

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35 Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners
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